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Thatcher reshuffle freshens Cabinet's electoral appeal

Baker put in charge of education

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The Prime Minister embarked on an attempt to freshen the Cabinet's appeal last night in the run-up to the next general election by appointing two of her best communicators to take charge of education and transport and stem the loss of votes which both issues are costing the Government.

Mr Kenneth Baker, brought into the Cabinet last year, has been swiftly promoted to take over from Sir Keith Joseph as Secretary of State for Education and Science, and Mr John Moore has been elevated to replace Mr Nicholas Ridley as Secretary of State for Transport.

But the third major appointment in a strictly limited reshuffle, Mr Ridley's movement to the Department of Environment to take over from Mr Baker, provoked surprise and consternation among Conservative MPs.

With Tory MPs pressing for a more sympathetic rate support grant settlement this year, calling for additional spending on housing and improvement grants in the forthcoming public spending negotiations, and with "green" issues expected to play an increasingly important role before the election, the appointment of a non-interventionist minister who favours even tighter public

spending was described as inappropriate by several senior MPs.

One former minister said last night: "I am quite staggered. She has solved one presentation problem and created an even bigger one."

The reshuffle was caused by Sir Keith's decision to stand down. In the warmest of tributes, Mrs Thatcher told him in a letter that he had been the architect who shaped the policies which led to her two general election victories.

Sir Keith, who has been appointed a Companion of Honour, made clear to Mrs Thatcher that he wanted to leave the Cabinet and not stay on, as he could have done, as a minister without special responsibilities.

The appointment of Mr Baker, aged 51, to the Department of Education and Science, where he joins a fellow "wet", Mr Chris Patten, the Minister of State, is the clearest sign of Mrs Thatcher's determination to reverse the tide of unpopularity with the Cabinet remains unchanged. Mr Moore, aged 48, who

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Mr Baker, who is regarded by Mrs Thatcher as an energetic minister and adroit arguer.

Teachers hail report as Joseph's epitaph

By Lucy Hodges
Education Correspondent

The annual report from the school inspectors (HMI) was hailed yesterday as a fitting epitaph for Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, for the past five years.

Teachers' unions chose to emphasize the report's spotlighting of poor accommodation, inadequate resources, too few books and shabby furniture rather than its damning indictment of the quality of teaching in state schools.

Based on visits to more than 1,648 schools, it found 30 per cent of all lessons to be

unsatisfactory with many teachers unable to appreciate the potential and needs of the children they were teaching.

A quarter of all schools were suffering from shortages of equipment and the condition of the buildings continued to deteriorate. There has been no improvement in the state of school buildings since 1981.

"In some schools and colleges the conditions in which teaching and learning take place adversely affect the quality of pupils' and students' work and do nothing to encourage their sense of enjoyment and pride in their school or college," said the report. Mr Doug McAvoy, deputy

general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said the report was a "devastating indictment" of the Joseph years. "It reflects what parents and teachers have been saying for a long time—that many schools are desperately short of books and equipment and those that are not are being bailed out by parents."

Mr Peter Smith, assistant general secretary of the Association of Teachers' and Masters' Association said: "Just as he flies the coop the political chickens are coming home to roost."

Mr David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers,

acknowledged the criticisms of teaching quality. The report reinforced that the state education system was in crisis, he said. "The Government must move urgently to repair its scandalous neglect of the state system and it must underwrite the ACAS talks which could go a long way to sort out the profession's own problems of teacher appraisal."

Sir Keith said for him the main message was schools and colleges needed not only adequate resources, but also better trained and deployed teachers, as well as better management and leadership.

"Only then will our policies for education bear fruit in

higher standards of pupil and student achievement. That is a message on which all concerned with education need to reflect. I urge them to study this report closely."

Pointing out that local education authorities had budgeted to spend 8.5 per cent more than last year on education, he said this was a lot more than the cost increases they faced, especially in view of a drop of nearly 2 per cent in pupils.

"I look to local education authorities to use some of that increase in their spending to make good the deficiencies which HMI have identified," he said.

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Militant hearing turns to farce

By Anthony Bevis

Political Correspondent
Labour's National Executive Committee hearing of the case against Liverpool's leading Militant turned into a farcical trial of patience and a test of legal footwork at the party's headquarters in London yesterday.

After a six-hour session of procedural groundwork, punctuated with repeated adjournments, consultation with lawyers, a sandwich lunch, and even a chorus of Happy Birthday for Miss Frances Curran, a Militant-supporting member of the executive, Mr Neil Kinnock and his colleagues began to hear the defence of the first of the eight accused, Mr Tony Mulhearn, president of the Liverpool district Labour Party.

Having already failed to launch the long-awaited hearing because of a left-wing walkout last March, it had been hoped that a two-day sitting of the executive would complete expulsion proceedings against the eight, including Mr Derek Hatton, deputy leader of Liverpool council.

In the event, Mr Mulhearn managed to tie the executive up with requests for legal representation, legal consultation, a new defence submission and threats of a High Court injunction.

A senior party source said after three hours that it was hoped the cross examination of Mr Mulhearn would now commence.

One hour later, Mr Mulhearn walked out of the hearing, refusing to recognize the jurisdiction and authority of the executive. But the defence was then read into the record by Mr Larry Whitty, the party general secretary.

Then, at 3.40pm—six hours into the hearing—the executive received two simultaneous messages. The first, from Mr Mulhearn's solicitors, informed the executive that they would be applying for a High Court injunction to halt the proceedings. The second came from Mr Mulhearn himself, saying that he would not seek an injunction and asking whether he could return to the executive and take up where he had left off.

That request was granted, and it was pointed out that the executive would therefore hear Mr Mulhearn's defence in duplicate, Mr Whitty having already completed his reading of Mr Mulhearn's written submission, and that there could be no question of a lack of opportunity for Mr Mulhearn to put his case.

The party said: "It is quite clear that tactics are being employed to string out and to frustrate the proceedings. They show that Mr Mulhearn has scant regard for the jurisdiction of the national executive."

A warning to his new Cabinet colleagues not to demand spending increases was given by the Chancellor last night.

In a direct challenge to Government ministers who believe that there should be a "balance" between spending increases and tax cuts, Mr Nigel Lawson claimed that people do not want "a higher bill for the taxpayer."

He argued that if the Government spent a bit more here and there, it would soon "be a question of how much taxes have to go up."

This is a signal that the Chancellor intends to try to stick to his target of £144 billion for public spending next year.

Negotiations with departments on their budgets are only just beginning. However, Mr Lawson carefully avoided mentioning any figure in his speech to the British Venture Capital Association.

Despite official figures released yesterday which suggest that the economy slowed down early this year, the Chancellor claimed that the economy is "so strong that it can take both a year-long coal strike and a collapsing oil price in its stride."

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Crackdown on security for UK diplomats

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

A massive security clampdown is being enforced at Britain's diplomatic posts overseas because of the growing terrorist threat, it was disclosed last night. Some missions are to be relocated because of existing dangers.

Details of the improved protection were given to the Commons Foreign Affairs Select Committee by Sir Antony Acland, head of the diplomatic service, who produced a catalogue of 41 incidents, including 25 bombings and four deaths, involving British officials and premises overseas since 1976.

Thirteen incidents occurred in western Europe, 11 in the Middle East, six in Africa, five in Latin America and six elsewhere.

The crackdown comes after a top-level review by the Foreign Office, which concluded that "it needed to pay more attention to protecting its staff and property in a world increasingly under threat from terrorism and other forms of violence."

Sir Antony told MPs last night: "There has been a very regrettable increase in the threat from terrorism in a number of countries. There has also been an increase in general lawlessness, violent crime, break-ins at homes, muggings and so on."

A report, presented to ministers last November, recommended closer management of security in London and a new Foreign Office committee

has been set up to coordinate work. The report called for improvements to overseas missions and added: "Some missions may need to be relocated in safer sites. Others will need to have their defences strengthened."

In written evidence to MPs on the diplomatic posts under the biggest threat, the Foreign Office says: "The list of these posts varies as the threat changes and as counter-measures are taken. It is impossible to know where terrorists are going to strike next but certain posts in the Middle East, Africa and Central America are of special concern, for example Beirut and San Salvador. At these posts staff numbers are kept to the minimum level compatible with operational needs."

At missions and residences facing a high threat of violence, the improvements include perimeter lighting and protection, closed-circuit TV, incident and intruder alarm systems, and "safe havens"; additional trained guards; armoured vehicles for heads of missions; and the movement of missions or staff accommodation.

Sir Antony told the select committee that the Foreign Office did not want to "throw in the sponge" at missions most at risk from terrorism. "We prefer to enhance security and continue to be represented where the Government and Parliament think Britain should be represented."

£15m art theft at Irish mansion

By Richard Ford

Art treasures valued at more than £15 million, including masterpieces by Vermeer and Goya, were stolen from a country mansion in the Irish Republic yesterday in the second raid on the building in 12 years.

Seven of the 17 paintings lifted in their frames from the walls of the home of Sir Alfred Beit were recovered four miles away by three boys on a fishing trip late in the afternoon.

The paintings were found near a van, stolen from Dublin last week, and had been dumped in a ditch and two were slightly damaged.

But the 10 most famous and valuable pictures, including Vermeer's Lady Writing a Letter and Goya's Dona Antonia Zarate, were still missing last night as suspicions grew that Republican paramilitaries were behind the theft from Russborough House, near Blessington, Co Wicklow.

Among the haul taken in a



"professional manner" from the walls of the library, music room and salon are several paintings stolen in 1974 when a Provisional IRA gang took 19 masterpieces. They were recovered undamaged at an isolated holiday cottage in Co Cork.

They include the Cavalier

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Tomorrow Yesterday's children



How the flower children of the swinging Sixties are facing up to middle age in the entrepreneurial Eighties

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Lubbers leads

The governing coalition of the Dutch Prime Minister, Mr Ruud Lubbers, clung to power in yesterday's general election, according to an exit poll.

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IRA arms cache plot smashed

By Richard Ford

A plot to supply and smuggle arms, including ground-to-air missiles, to the Provisional IRA has been smashed by the FBI.

Eight men, including one from Belfast and three from the Irish Republic, appeared in a US court yesterday, charged with attempting to buy weapons for terrorists for use against security forces in Northern Ireland.

They were trapped after a 12-month inquiry by agents posing as arms dealers. The men were arrested in Bedford, a suburb of Boston, after allegedly attempting to buy weapons from the undercover agents.

The consignment would have included automatic weapons, ammunition and, most importantly, ground-to-air missiles which the Provisional IRA have long wanted to attack helicopters ferrying supplies and troops to outlying border areas.

The breaking of the expensive and daring plan by the Provisionals to secure much-needed weapons is the latest success by security forces in the US, Europe, the Republic and Northern Ireland.

It is a major setback for the Provisional IRA, but demonstrates that despite attempts by the US Government to crack down on fund-raising for the terrorists, there is cash available and sympathizers prepared to help in gun-running.

It is the second time in 20 months that security forces have broken the Boston connection of the Provisional IRA. The terrorists badly need a major supply of arms.

Ciaran Hughes, aged 24, from Belfast was arraigned at a Boston district court on charges of violating the United States Arms Export Control Act. The other men detained were: John Fitzgerald, aged 29, from Co Kerry; James Boyle, aged 35, from Co Donegal; and Noel Murphy, aged 26, an Irish citizen living in Boston.

The US citizens held were: Roy Willey, aged 27, Steven MacDonald, aged 34; John MacDonald Jr, aged 36; and Michael McLaughlin, aged 27, all from Boston.

Miners struggle to defuse Chernobyl

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Nearly a month after the Chernobyl disaster, the Soviet authorities have released details of the military-style operation by a team of 400 specially recruited coal miners who are working against a strict deadline to complete the construction of a giant concrete cooling slab under the crippled reactor.

Although the authorities have given no indication of the length of the deadline by which the slab must be in place to prevent the reactor posing new risks of contamination, they have assured the public that it will be met despite the hazardous work conditions.

Because of the dangerously high radiation levels, the miners, from the famous Donbass coalfields, are being driven to and from the tunnel in high-speed armoured troop carriers. All wear special respirators nicknamed "petals" to prevent them inhaling radioactive dust from the sandstone in which the digging is taking place.

Yesterday for the first time, the trade union paper *Trud* described the details of the operation. It said the difficult first stage of the tunnel had been completed by squads of men who had worked on the Moscow Metro and who had now left the site.

The graphic on-the-spot report described the damaged reactor ominously as "a deadly, wounded animal which still breathes". Despite assurances from the Kremlin, Western experts said the article revealed the complexity, magnitude and great personal dangers involved in the rescue.

All the miners are restricted to three-hour shifts and wear protective clothing and footwear which is either decontaminated or destroyed after use. *Trud* said the tunnel still has about 175 yards to go before the refrigerated concrete slab can be installed as a vital "cushion" under the crippled reactor.

It said that because of heat from reactor No 3 (which is under constant surveillance), temperatures in the tunnel were high and that special fans with air filters were being installed.

Trud reported that military camps have now sprung up outside the contaminated plant and that the Army was playing an increasingly large part in the rescue.

Everything goes according to schedule and even ahead of time. They will make the cushion in time," the article concluded.

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Terminal fate for share certificates

By Lawrence Lever

Share certificates—those picturesque pieces of paper that for centuries have adorned many a mantelpiece—are to disappear. The Stock Exchange revealed yesterday.

When the financial revolution comes, a piece of paper will no longer be needed to prove the ownership of shares. Instead, changes in share ownership will be courtesy of the computer, which will feed information to company registrars.

When the change is introduced in 1989, committees of obscure initials will win again. To add to SROs (self-regulating authorities), not to mention IMRO, ISRO, IBRO and the SIB, we now have TAURUS, a

somewhat more manageable way of saying transfer and automated registration of uncertificated stock.

This new service, according to the Stock Exchange, will cost about £6 million to develop and will replace certificates with automatic electronic entries on companies' registers of members.

The aim is that the new system, which will appeal mainly to institutions, will simplify the transfer of share ownership, thereby reducing processing costs and largely removing the need for safe custody and storage of certificates.

The TAURUS nickname, if a little contrived, is perhaps a happy choice. It certainly beats LQAFS, the large open area floor space required to

provide stockbrokers with their vast dealing rooms.

The name, with its bullish connotations, is possibly a good omen. It arrived as investors halted a steep fall in the FT 30-share index.

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Brain scan for all UK boxers

By Srikanth Sen

Brain scans are to become compulsory for all professional boxers taking part in championships in Britain, the British Boxing Board of Control decided at its annual meeting in London yesterday. In time the scheme will be extended to all boxers holding a licence from the board.

It insisted that the scheme was not a panic move brought in because of the recent death of Steve Watt, the Scottish welterweight champion, who died from brain injuries sustained in the ring.

Dr Oswald Ross, the board's deputy chief medical officer, emphasized that the scanning of championship boxers was only the starting point for more widespread examinations.

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University heads launch fierce onslaught on new cuts in funding

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

University vice-chancellors responded angrily yesterday to a 2 per cent cut in finance, claiming that no university would be better off next year even if they receive slight increases from the University Grants Committee.

Mr Maurice Shock, chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, said the overall cut in university funding for the next academic year was closer to 4 per cent because of rises in costs and salaries.

"We are talking about a system which has been run down to the point where, if that continues, we shall in the next 10 years largely demolish one of the country's major assets. University cuts have already reached 20 per cent in real terms and could reach 30 per cent by 1990," he said.

Professor Fred Holliday, Vice-Chancellor of Durham University, said he was appalled by the cuts. "It is going to cause us great difficulties and we really can't understand how a university which stands so high in the regard of employers can be put in this position."

In Scotland, Sir Kenneth

Alexander, Vice-Chancellor of Stirling University, expressed deep concern at the extent of the cuts, which he said amounted to more than 5 per cent in real terms.

"It is clear that a major factor has been size. Apparently the UGC does not allow even a small adjustment to compensate for the increased burden of overheads borne by the smaller universities."

He said there appeared to be a "Scottish factor" which had produced more severe cuts for Scottish universities as a whole than for universities in England. He called on Scottish universities to explore the reasons for this.

Professor Peter Moore, Director of the London Business School, said cuts at London and Manchester business colleges showed "an odd bias" at a time when most people were calling for an expansion of management education.

For the first time, the UGC has allocated 15 per cent of its grants to universities on the basis of quality of teaching and research, with a common level of funding per student which will increase the numbers of fully funded students.

However, Mr Shock said the allocations, which mean 18 institutions will suffer cuts of up to 0.5 per cent, did not necessarily reflect a judgment on quality.

The UGC will write to universities next week, outlining how each department has been assessed for its teaching and research, enabling a national picture on the quality of every university to be established.

Mr Shock said that, while universities accepted the competitive element introduced by the UGC's selectivity exercise, attempts to combine that with cuts were damaging them financially and academically.

"Selectivity becomes the sharing out of misery," he said. He called on the Government to provide £15 million immediately to cover an increase in rates on universities.

At Leicester, where Mr Shock is vice-chancellor, the rates have risen by 33 per cent; for universities as a whole, the rise is 13 per cent.

The vice-chancellors maintain that another £100 million must be found for the university system by the end of 1989.

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Wapping pickets attacked by Hurd

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Policing pickets at the News International's plant at Wapping in east London last night were attacked by more than 400,000 man hours of police time and 330 officers have been injured and 851 arrests have been made, the Home Secretary, Mr Douglas Hurd, told the Police Federation at Scarborough yesterday.

Mr Hurd said that the dispute showed "the evils of intimidation connected with mass picketing have not gone away."

"The diversion of police to deal with a dispute not of their making has been a serious drain on resources. More importantly, the safety of police officers is again being put at risk."

"What makes it all the more disgraceful that when arrests are made these concerns are discovered to have no direct connection with the dispute."

Wapping has become the focus for troublemakers, Mr Hurd said. "What happens there on Saturday nights has week by week less and less to do with Sogor's dispute with Mr Murdoch and more and more to do with the itch for excitement and violence."

He said the printworkers had a right to picket peacefully and demonstrate, but if they wanted to exercise those rights they should find ways to do so without opening up their dispute to those who practise violence.

Dubbins challenges highway arrest

A case of obstruction against Tony Dubbins, general secretary of the National Graphical Association, was adjourned at Thames Magistrates' Court yesterday after his lawyer said the road outside the News International plant that the union leader was arrested in was not a highway.

Mr Geoffrey Robertson, counsel for Mr Dubbins, aged 41, of Ravensden, Bedford, who denies obstructing the highway, said the main road outside the plant in Wapping, east London, The Highway, did not live up to its name because it had been closed to traffic by the police on the night of Mr Dubbins's arrest.

Mr Robertson said that a road was a highway only if "all members of the public are entitled to pass and repass along it."

Mr Robertson agreed that there was no precedent for that defence and the spendidary magistrate, Mr Peter

Badge, adjourned the case until May 28 to consider if there is a case.

Police Constable Richard Mills had told the court that Mr Dubbins had been arrested at 1.36am on March 23 at the junction of The Highway and Glamis Road. Glamis Road had been closed all night to anyone except residents, Mr Robertson said.

PC Mills said a large crowd of demonstrators were blocking the passage of pedestrians and vehicles. Nearly all dispersed when asked by the police, but about five men, including Mr Dubbins, remained.

PC Mills said Mr Dubbins said: "Let's sit down." Mr Dubbins had then sat down with the others in the road, and they formed a semicircle by linking arms.

PC Mills then said: "Come on. You have been told once. Move." They did not and Mr Dubbins was arrested after a brief struggle.

Name fails to impress the dealers

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

The name Chippendale attracted a crowd to Dreweatt's auction room in Newbury yesterday, but knowledgeable dealers appeared to have vetted the furniture on offer and decided that he had not made it.

Dreweatt's was selling furniture from Sir Francis Burrett's Will Trust, which had come from the former family homes, Ramsbury Manor, in Wiltshire, and Foremark Hall, in Derbyshire.

An account book kept by Sir Robert Burrett in 1769 records substantial payments to Chippendale, but does not detail what furniture was provided.

The family bought furniture from different sources and it has been forgotten what came from where. The bidders do not seem to have shared Dreweatt's hopes that some of the pieces on offer were made by the master.

Dreweatt's best hopes were pinned on an elaborately carved George III giltwood over-mantel mirror, which resembled Chippendale's designs.

It sold for £23,320, a healthy price for a mirror of the period, but definitely not a Chippendale figure. Some doubts had even been expressed over its date.

A set of six George III carved giltwood grandioles sold for £95,400 to a London dealer, again a healthy price for good period pieces, but not in the Chippendale bracket.

The auction totalled £537,000, a comfortable increase on the £400,000 that Dreweatt's estimated before the auction.

Sotheby's encountered a selective market when it offered a fine range of modern British pictures.

There were particularly high prices for the work of Lowry, with the 1946 "Mill Gates" making £33,000 (estimate £15,000-£20,000); for Harold Harvey, with the 1912 "Field of Flowers" at £36,300 (estimate £20,000-£30,000); and for Jack Butler Yeats with "Leaving the Raft" at £33,000 (estimate £20,000-£40,000). The sale totalled £1.6 million, with 18 per cent left unsold.

Trial delay

Mr Justice Boreham will rule today on defence submissions in the Brighton bombing trial, contesting the inadmissibility of evidence. The submissions were heard yesterday in the absence of the jury.



The Garda outside the mansion and the stolen Goya masterpiece, Dona Antonia Zarate.

£15m art treasures stolen

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by Frans Hals, six paintings by Murillo, and oils by Gainsborough and Sir Joshua Reynolds as well as Metsu's Lady Writing a Letter.

The paintings are so well known that it is virtually certain that whoever took them will be unable to sell them in the art world - they had been given in trust along with Russborough House to the Irish nation by Sir Alfred in 1978.

Last night Sir Alfred, aged 83, who built up what has been described as the most important private art collection in the world said: "It came as a great surprise. We don't know who did it except it appears to have been very professionally done."

Sir Alfred was in London with his wife, Lady Clementine, at the time of the robbery and said the Vermeer

was, apart from one in Buckingham Palace, the only one remaining in private hands.

The gang struck at the rear of the large Georgian mansion 20 miles from Dublin and outwitted the local police and curator of the Beit Foundation who were both alerted when an alarm went off at 2 a.m.

The alarm is linked to the

local Garda station, but when they arrived at the mansion to investigate, the curator, Col. Michael O'Shea told them he had checked the house and everything was in order.

But the gang were simply hiding in the grounds waiting for the police to leave before they broke a window.

Moves to review Commons rules covering privilege

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The House of Commons select committee on procedure is expected to be asked to look again at the rules for handling complaints of breaches of parliamentary privilege after the decision early yesterday by MPs not to punish *The Times* for leaking the secret draft of a select committee report.

MPs voted by 158 votes to 124 not to impose sanctions against *The Times* and its lobby reporter, Mr Richard Evans, in spite of a warning from Mr John Biffen, Leader of the Commons, that select committee confidentiality would disintegrate if they went unpunished.

The Commons Committee of Privileges had found *The Times* report, based on the draft of a committee report on radioactive waste disposal, was a contempt of Parliament and recommended a six-month bar from Parliament against Mr Evans and the loss by *The Times* of one of its accredited places in the Palace of Westminster for the same period.

The Prime Minister and Mr Norman Tebbit, the Conservative Party chairman, were among the ministers who voted against punishment. Mr Biffen had warned that there would be little point in the privileges committee looking at similar leaks in future if the Commons did not support its judgment in the Evans case.

Its failure to do so effectively left the select committee system without the ancient protection of privilege for private deliberations.

Although disappointed senior Conservative MPs, including select committee chairman, appeared yesterday to have little enthusiasm for making a fast change of the rules, MPs from all parties

were saying that they could not be allowed to stay as they were.

The procedure committee had been expected in the next session of Parliament to carry out a review of the work of the select committees, and MPs now expect it to be extended to look at the rules as well.

Mr Biffen said yesterday: "There should be a pause for thought and reflection generally."

The Commons only last March approved new standing orders codifying the application of privilege to the work of select committees.

But ministers accept that there is now a question-mark over the willingness of select committees to refer breaches to the privileges committee and over the attitude of that committee towards imposing sanctions. There will be strong pressure, however, against ending the privilege protection.

Mr Terence Higgins, Conservative MP for Worthing and chairman of the Commons select committee chairman, said the arguments in favour of retaining the confidentiality of draft reports were not changed by the vote. "This was a decision on an individual case," he said.

Sir Peter Emery, Conservative MP for Hoxton and chairman of the procedure committee, said the Commons decision would make the work of the select committees in coming to detailed conclusions considerably more difficult.

But Mr Robin Corbett, Labour MP for Birmingham, Edingstone, said the Commons vote had demonstrated the rules of parliamentary privilege were now hopelessly out of date and in need of urgent review and reform.

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Tory from the East End moves on upward

By George Hill

John Moore is one of the more amiable and buoyant younger ministers in the Government, with a knack of moving upwards.

He became Financial Secretary to the Treasury in 1983 in the moves after the fall of Cecil Parkinson, and has forged an alliance with Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor.

He is an East End Tory, a benchhand's son who won a scholarship to the Licensed Victuallers' School and went to the London School of Economics determined to learn about finance; though he spared the time there to take part in an expedition from Greece to India retracing the route of Alexander the Great's conquests.

He went into banking and spent five years working in Chicago for rewards which must make his ministerial salary feel quixotic. He is an under-writing member of Lloyd's. In America he married the writer Sheila Tilloston.

Returning to Britain, he was selected to fight Croydon Central in 1974. He scraped into the Commons at the very moment of general Tory defeat. Mrs Thatcher made him a vice-chairman of the party

with special responsibility for youth, and he was made a junior minister as soon as the party regained power in 1979.

Ridley: monuments to Thatcherism

Mr Nicholas Ridley leaves the Department of Transport after laying the foundations for two of the most characteristic monuments of Thatcherism.

Asked last year why the Government was showing belated signs of interest in the Channel Tunnel project, he replied: "Because she is looking for monuments." The deregulation of bus services, due to come into effect later this year, will be one of the examples of Thatcherism in action on which voters will be basing their decisions in the next general election.

An intelligent, bespectacled, busy, private man who gives a rather arid impression, he is one of the few Old Etonians to survive in the Tory Cabinet. The younger son of a Viscount, born in 1929, he read engineering at Balliol and planned at first to be an architect.

He became MP for the safe seat of Cirencester and Tewkesbury in 1959 and served as Parliamentary Pri-

vate Secretary at the Department of Education from 1962 to 1964. He became a junior minister in the Trade Department soon after the Tories returned to power in 1970, and laid down impeccable Thatcherite credentials in advance by resigning over the interventionist policies of the Heath Government.

His first marriage was dissolved after 14 years in 1974, and he married again in 1979.

Lamont: black eye healed and forgotten

Norman Lamont has surmounted the handicap of the most notorious black eye in contemporary politics to gain a leg-up from junior office in the Department of Defence to the more strategic junior post of Financial Secretary to the Treasury.



Mr Lamont (left) and Mr Freeman, who got new jobs.

Last summer, with post-Parkinson reverberations still ringing through the Conservative Party, gossip column speculations over his shiner seemed to have jeopardized a promising career. The eye (acquired in circumstances "innocent but complicated," he is reported to have said) soon faded away, and it seems that the memory of it has too.

His shift from the Trade Department to Defence last autumn was at best a sideways move. Until last year, his career had progressed steadily. Born in 1942, he was educated at Loreto School, and at Cambridge was president of the Union.

He became assistant Duncan Sandys, MP, and worked in Central Office, entering the Commons in 1972. Moving up as spokesman through the Arts, Industry, and Energy he served a steady four years in the Department of Trade and Industry.

He has been married since 1971, and has a son and a daughter.

Freeman: rebel from the Bow Group

Roger Freeman, aged 43, the new Parliamentary Under Secretary for Defence, is an occasionally rebellious accountant-banker with close ties to the Bow Group.

He studied at Balliol College, Oxford, where he became president of the University Conservative Association. He went on to become Treasurer of the Bow Group in 1967 and later managing director of its publications.

A chartered accountant, he has had a distinguished career in the City.

After unsuccessfully contesting Don Valley in 1979, he was elected to Parliament in 1983 as member for the mainly agricultural constituency of Kettering, Northamptonshire. He is married, with one son.

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Baker takes on education

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leaves the post of Financial Secretary to the Treasury, is the only Cabinet newcomer and will replace Sir Keith in that group of ministers who support Mrs Thatcher on most issues.

Mr Moore, who has been on the brink of promotion to the Cabinet for some time, has been one of the leading architects of the Government's privatization programme, and the management of British Airways will be hoping that he will swiftly approve its long-awaited flotation.

Mr Moore is replaced at the Treasury by Mr Norman Lamont, who will be seen once again as a future Cabinet candidate. The changes are

completed by Lord Trefgarne taking over from Mr Lamont as Minister of State for Defence Procurement, and Mr Roger King, MP for Kettering, being promoted to become Under Secretary of State for the Armed Forces.

While the appointment of Mr Baker had been widely expected, that of Mr Ridley had not. MPs are wondering how it will affect the forthcoming public spending battle. Mr Baker had been preparing to ask for an extra sum of about £2 billion to meet higher local spending. Now he will undoubtedly ask for more for education, but MPs are sceptical whether Mr Ridley will want to fight off the Treasury.

Mr Baker, a highly skilled political operator, impressed Mrs Thatcher with the way he completed the job of abolishing the Greater London Council and defusing the potential time-bomb of rates reform. She regards him as an innovative and energetic minister, an adroit arguer of a case.

Mr Ridley is similarly seen by Mrs Thatcher as a minister who gets things done. The Channel Tunnel and bus deregulation are cited as examples. But MPs on the liberal wing of the party were insisting that Mrs Thatcher would have been better advised to have moved someone like Mr Norman Fowler or Mr Peter Walker into the sensitive post.

Exchange of friendly letters at resignation

In his resignation letter to Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Sir Keith Joseph said:

"For some months I have thought that a fresh voice is needed at the Department of Education and Science to carry forward and develop our policies for better education at all levels of ability in schools and for improved standards in further and higher education."

He said he would enthusiastically support the Government's policies from the back benches and thanked Mrs Thatcher "for unfailing personal warmth and kindness over many years."

In an equally friendly reply, Mrs Thatcher told Sir Keith

that she learnt of his decision to leave the Commons at the next election "with a sad heart."

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Poor equipment and teaching damage pupils, HMIs say

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Poor teaching, neglected buildings, shortages of equipment and ineffective management are identified by the school inspectors (HMIs) as having damaging effects on pupil performance and teacher morale.

In a devastating annual report, published yesterday, the inspectors say that 30 per cent of lessons are below standard, more than in previous years, and that the schools sector of education gives "cause for concern".

They comment: "It is getting by and providing satisfactory for most pupils in many places by robbing Peter to pay Paul; doing less; or with the help of sizeable contributions from parents."

There are sharp polarizations in provision between schools in different parts of the country and within the same local education authority.

Although the inspectors are at pains to point out that more money would not solve all the schools' problems, they repeat the warnings of earlier reports about the state of repair of many schools. "The state of repair of much of the country's school building stock is deteriorating."

"Long-standing problems, linked to little sustained improvement in recent years, are threatening to make some school buildings almost unusable. This continued neglect constitutes a serious financial problem for the education service."

"Furthermore, grim, neglected buildings do nothing to stimulate and encourage pupils and teachers to give of their best and raise their levels of achievement, or to attract to the teaching profession able and enthusiastic teachers."

The report, the ninth of the inspectors' short annual reports on the effects of local authority spending policies, is as scathing about the quality of some teaching.

In three out of five schools teachers' perception of pupils' potential and needs was inadequate, and in all schools it was

the work of pupils of below average ability which was least satisfactory.

Taking all institutions together, the most frequently noted factor affecting the work was again the quality of teaching," the report said.

The proportion of lessons rated satisfactory or better fell by 5 per cent last year, to 70 per cent, the deterioration being most marked in secondary schools.

An illustration given was a mathematics lesson on ratio. The teacher worked through two examples on the blackboard without asking for any contributions from the pupils, who were then told to copy these into their books. A third example was then given to the pupils to do but none had completed the work by the end of the lesson.

Three out of 10 lessons in schools were substandard. Poor leadership and management were found in a quarter of schools.

One in five lessons was adversely affected by poor accommodation.

A quarter of schools suffered shortages of equipment. Half the schools needed to widen their range of teaching styles.

"The pace of the work was slow and few pupils gained much from the lesson," said the inspectors.

"Towards the end pupils' behaviour deteriorated and the noise level got out of control. The unduly didactic approach provided for little involvement of the pupils, and linked to the slow pace, made for a poor quality lesson."

The report found a bad match between teachers' qualifications and experience and what they were called upon to do in school. In one secondary school French lesson the reading of the passage by the teacher and pupils showed poor accents and the translation into English lacked accuracy.

The teacher had studied French as a subsidiary part of his degree and in five years of teaching French had received no help and advice.

Better lesson preparation was needed in 30 per cent of the schools visited, while raising staff morale was thought to be needed in 20 per cent of schools in the interests of improving teaching quality.

Poor leadership and management were identified in more than a quarter of the schools visited. In only a half was the planning and organization of pupils' work judged satisfactory.

Book provision has deteriorated, and many schools were found to have insufficient books. Others had old stock which could not be replaced, and many were having to choose between the replacement of old stock and the purchase of books needed for the new GCSE examination.

The inspectors say that the disparities in provision between and within local authorities and institutions are increasing.

"At school level it is the least able in all types of school and top junior and early secondary pupils who appear to bear the brunt of reduced and inappropriate provision."

The inspectors conclude: "Few involved in providing, or providing for, education can make much—if any—pride in a national service within which thousands of all the lessons seen were unsatisfactory, one-fifth were adversely affected by poor accommodation, and a quarter were suffering from shortages of equipment."

Contributions from parents continued to grow, widening the differences between schools. In more than 40 per cent of primary schools, parents donated the equivalent of a third or more of the local authorities' current spending a pupil.

Further and higher education were again judged to be better funded in relation to their needs than schools.



Selina Scott, presenter of *Breakfast Time* on BBC1, enjoying an early morning workout at Lambeth Palace yesterday as part of Sport Aid for famine relief.

'Pirate' aid for famine victims

The actor Brian Blessed will risk further damage to his spine when he takes part in Sport Aid's Race Against Time at Cardiff on Sunday.

Mr Blessed needed treatment to straighten his spine after six months of having his left leg strapped behind his back during the making of the 25 million ITV series *Return to Treasure Island* in which he plays Long John Silver.

He said yesterday that dressed in his pirate costume, he plans to keep the first mile of the

six-mile fun run, which is being sponsored by HTV, who made the series.

"It would be easier if I only had one leg. But hopping with my left leg strapped up means I am working against my own strength all the time."

Yesterday, the pop group Queen announced that it was planning a charity rock concert at Knebworth Park, Hertfordshire, on August 9, at which they hope to raise £50,000 for the Save the Children Fund.

Doctor says girl covered in scars

A police surgeon yesterday described scars on the body of a girl aged 10, caused by injuries allegedly inflicted by her parents, as "one of the worst cases I have ever seen".

Dr Peter Green told a Central Criminal Court jury: "I have never seen any child so marked as this little girl was". He said it was impossible to say if the girl, now aged 11, would be scarred for life, but the marks would remain for years.

The girl's father, a builder, aged 30, and her mother, aged 29, of Croydon, south London, have denied 12 charges of cruelty and causing grievous bodily harm and injury to the girl and her sister, aged 8.

Mrs Patricia May, for the prosecution, has alleged the sisters were subjected to "an onslaught of uncontrolled beatings" at the hands of their parents. Their injuries were caused by thrashings with a wire or rope, lighted cigarettes and a hairbrush.

Dr Green said he had examined the girl after teachers at her school had noticed her scarred body in a physical education class and alerted social services and the police.

He said her arms, legs and body were covered with "an unaccountable multiplicity of scars, varying in length from one to 13cm long".

The circular marks were consistent with cigarette burns, and her bottom was covered with undefined small marks similar to being beaten with a hairbrush.

The marks were harder than a "straight-forward punitive parental slap," he said. "The most outstanding feature was the enormous number of scars—she was covered with them." Dr Green said the girl was very thin and showed signs of long term neglect. The hearing continues today.

Bicycle of missing secretary is found

By a Staff Reporter

Fears for the safety of a newly married secretary who disappeared on Sunday night rose yesterday after the police disclosed that her bicycle had been found on the edge of a field near the railway station where she usually left it.

Mrs Anne Lock, aged 28, who worked for London Weekend Television, vanished after leaving the studios where she helped to prepare scripts. She was said to be very happy after her return from a honeymoon in the Seychelles earlier this month.

Mrs Lock's red bicycle was found with the chain and peddle still around the rear wheel about 60 yards from the railway station at Brookmans Park, near Hatfield, Hertfordshire, where she lived with her husband Laurence, aged 26, a wholesale meat trader, and her grandmother aged 86.

Det Chief Supt Ron Archer, who is leading the investigation, said: "The removal of that cycle is suspicious, but there have been a number of thefts from the cycle shed."

"If someone has moved it we shall look intently upon them if they come forward and tell us about it. She appears to have vanished into this air." He appealed for anyone who travelled through Brookmans Park from King's Cross between 9pm and 11pm on Sunday evening to come forward.

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THE DAY CENTRE.

"After I lost my husband I was on my own for three years before I came to the centre. I was so lonely, and I started to wonder if it was worth going on. Now I have hosts of friends here, we do all sorts of things. Without it I'd just fade away."

A refuge from loneliness is not the only thing a day centre provides. Their warmth, and hot food are life-savers to thousands of old people. And staff and friends can keep a watchful eye over the welfare of their guests and direct help where help is needed.

Last year alone, 131 were supported by Help the Aged.

THE DAY HOSPITAL.

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Day Hospitals provide much needed support for family carers too. Help the Aged has raised funds for 2 day hospitals; more are planned.

LIFELINE.

Imagine what it's like to be afraid to move about in your own home. "At about 9pm I slipped and went bang. I just lay there shivering all night until, by chance, a neighbour popped by at 11 the next morning."

Thousands of old people living alone are at risk from accidental injury, illness or intrusion. A Lifeline emergency alarm unit puts help instantly on call 24 hours a day. So far Help the Aged has placed over 500 in the homes of the most vulnerable, and will continue to do so.

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Citroen reveals new car

By Clifford Webb
Motoring Correspondent

Citroen yesterday released the first official photograph of its new contender in the battle for the expanding two-million-cars-a-year European supermini market.

The Citroen AX will make its debut at the Paris Motor Show in October equipped with a new family of lightweight, all-alloy, four cylinder engines ranging from 954cc to 1360cc.

A feature of the three-door, front-wheel drive design is reported to be a drag coefficient of only 0.31.

The AX will be built using Japanese working methods on a new production line at Citroen's Aubury plant north of Paris.

The AX is not expected to go on sale here before next summer, but Citroen executives predict that it will double their UK market share to about 3 per cent.

Mint wins decimal decision

Christopher Ironside, who designed the reverse side of the first six decimal coins, failed in the High Court in London yesterday to secure payment for an alleged infringement of his copyright by the Royal Mint.

Mr Justice Whitford agreed that the £3,000 paid to Mr Ironside in 1968 was for the "outright sale" of designs for the 1/2p, 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, and 50p coins. He rejected Mr Ironside's claim for payment for the Mint's annual issue of proof coin sets.

He said even if he was wrong about there having been an outright sale, Mr Ironside's claim failed because proof coins were as much decimal coins as money in general circulation.

The six coins Mr Ironside designed and the 20p coin—which have a total face value of 88½p—sell for £17 as a proof set.

Mr Ironside's designs include coins for Tanzania, Brunei and Qatar, the Royal coat of Arms in Whitehall and Coronation decorations.

Snub for Prince's adviser

By Charles Knevitt
Architecture Correspondent

The Royal Institute of British Architects announced yesterday that it had nominated Mr Owen Luder, a past president, for the presidency of the International Union of Architects.

Mr Luder's nomination is an official snub for Mr Rod Hackney, the community architect and one of the personal advisers of the Prince of Wales, who is also standing.

Mr Hackney is senior vice-president of the UIA and has received backing from the institute's UIA sub-committee, causing a split within the profession.

Mr Georgi Stoilov, the Bulgarian president of the UIA, is believed to have written to the Prince of Wales asking him to encourage the RIBA to endorse Mr Hackney's nomination.

Mr Hackney is taking legal advice about remarks attributed to Mr Patrick Harrison, RIBA secretary, published in the *Daily Telegraph* in February.

Bishop pots a tyrannical goose

By Tim Jones

The old goose is dead, killed by the bishop. It was an uneven contest for, before taking Holy Orders, the Right Rev John Bickensteth, Bishop of Bath and Wells, was a gunner and captain in the Royal Artillery.

Since moving to the Bishop's Palace at Wells, Somerset, 11 years ago, the Bishop has taken pride in introducing rare species of ducks to grace the moat surrounding the building.

There, the fowl lived and bred in peace, delighting locals and visitors—that is, until the Barnacle goose went berserk.

Life for the ducks became a nightmare as the goose became a bully. It started grabbing ducks by the throat and holding them underwater until they drowned. Other young ducks died because the young ducks died because the

them mercilessly, separating them from mothers.

As the carnage continued, the Bishop decided reluctantly that its reign of terror must end. He loaded his 12 bore shotgun, took aim, and despatched the goose to its hereafter.

As two horrified American tourists looked on, exchanging incredulous "Oh mys", the Bishop explained it was not the normal practice of a British clergyman: he did it only about once a week.

The Bishop, who holds the title of Clerk of the Queen's Closet, said yesterday: "It wasn't something I wanted to do but the goose was taking a heavy toll of the ducklings. It had killed between 20 and 30 of them and at the moment there isn't a single brood."

"When I first introduced the goose it behaved perfectly

properly but it lost its mate about two years ago and that obviously affected it. I delayed shooting it for as long as possible, hoping it would stop."

"Obviously, as a keen conservationist, it was not an act I enjoyed but in the end there was no choice. People who saw it attacking the ducklings were very upset and someone pinned a notice to my door asking what I was going to do about it."

Five years ago, the bishop potted a brace of troublesome mallard disturbing other ducks. He served them up for dinner, explaining that God would not want good food thrown into the dustbin.

Calm has returned to the moat and visitors can again see ducks living peacefully and enjoy the sight of the swans ringing a bell when they want feeding.

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Nuclear accident

Water industry

Times case

Briefing to correct BBC errors

RADIOACTIVITY

So important does the Government regard radiation safety matters raised in a BBC television Panorama programme on May 12 that every MP is to be provided with a briefing note on the programme which contained very many mistakes, Mr William Waldegrave, Minister for Environment, Countryside and Local Government, said in the Commons.

He explained that excluding the contribution from the daughter products of radon in dwellings, which varied very widely, the radiation doses from natural background ranged from about 0.5 to 1.5 millisieverts per year. Including the contribution from radon, a typical range was from 1 to 10 millisieverts a year.

For artificial sources of radiation, the internationally recommended dose limits for exposure of members of the public over many years was 1 millisievert annually.

Sir David Price (Eastleigh, C) said his figures show there is a wide variation in natural radiation level, from which we can draw the conclusion that in judging radiation levels there is a lot yet to be identified and measured. We should not add to the man-made levels of radiation if we can possibly avoid it.

Mr Waldegrave: I would not disagree. The exposure on average to people from industrial sources is a good deal less than 1 per cent of the exposure naturally, which puts things into perspective. The great majority comes from cosmic radiation, rocks and so on.

Mr Dale (Wokingham, Lab) said the briefing note that comes out of Britain's coal-fired power stations far more damaging to the environment, particularly to the Lake District, than any radiation. Mr Waldegrave: He is right to remind us that in any major power generation there are problems of pollution. It is probably true that the most intractable of the long-term environmental problems is going to turn out to be the carbon monoxide problem and the heating of the atmosphere.

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appropriate, effective and equitable response of the House.

No one was questioning the judgement of the chairman of the Privileges Committee that the Times had breached the privilege of the House. The argument, which would be echoed in the debate, centred around the question of the penalties to be imposed.

Mr Peter Shore, shadow Leader of the House, said if an MP was found to be responsible for the leak he would be removed from the committee.

Mr Evans had published the environment select committee report on radioactive waste. The Times had not taken any action to prevent the publication of the report.

Mr Shore: I do not believe it would be fair to impose upon the MP.

Leaked publication of a draft report at the closing deliberative stage of the select committee's work operated, therefore, against the very purpose for which the select committees had been established.

DOE monitoring to be reviewed

CHERNOBYL

Arrangements for co-ordinating the monitoring of radiation levels had worked effectively after the Chernobyl accident, but the Department of the Environment would be examining its procedures in the light of recent events to determine whether any changes were desirable, Mr William Waldegrave, Minister for Environment, Countryside and Local Government, said during Commons questions.

Mr Simon Hughes (Southwark and Bermondsey, Lab) asked Mr Waldegrave to say more progress was needed on the co-operation of seven Government departments and six other agencies and information should be given in a form the ordinary person could understand.

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these attitudes were extremely irresponsible.

Dr John Cunningham, chief Opposition spokesman on the environment, said if it was the case that a British official in the International Atomic Energy Agency received an inquiry about how to deal with graphite fires from Russia on April 29 why was this information not communicated immediately to the British Government? Would

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Minister's pledge to water users

HOUSE OF LORDS

When the Government privatised water it would take the opportunity to strengthen both control of certain quality objectives and the machinery for representing consumer interests and investigating consumer complaints, Lord Elton, Minister of State for the Environment, said during a debate in the House of Lords on the water industry.

Lady Nicol (Lab), opening the debate, drew attention to the need for large-scale investment in the industry. She said that pollution control and environmental protection and consumer interests were most at risk in the Government's privatisation proposals.

There was a widespread feeling that these functions were properly the role of public bodies and should not be in the hands of private companies. It was in the long-term interests of the consumer that this national monopoly of an essential commodity should remain in public hands.

Lord Elton said that experience had confirmed the Government's belief that privatisation brought new life to old industries to the benefit of all concerned.

The Government recognised the need for safeguards against monopoly abuse. It would therefore set up a regulatory regime.

headed by the Director General of Water Services, who would police the licences under which the water companies would be appointed.

There would set standards for service as well as limits on charges. There would also be new consumer consultative committees, one for each company, to deal with consumer affairs and investigate specific complaints.

Privatisation under the careful regulation proposed would protect both the environment from pollution and the consumer from exploitation.

Lord Nathan (Ind) said the private water companies would be intimately concerned in planning procedures and this involved an element of political consideration. They would be exercising a judgement which was essentially administrative and political. There could be a conflict of interest between their public duties and their own interests and those of their shareholders.

Lord Selous (C) said that to remodel the water industry would require £1 billion a year for a minimum of six years - £400 million on water and £600 million on sewerage. The sooner they moved towards privatisation of those industries which could stand on their own feet without Government intervention the sooner the revitalisation of the water industry and the sewerage system.

PM to meet Sudanese athlete

The Prime Minister has turned down a request that the Government should increase the amount of funds for famine relief by an amount equal to the estimated VAT revenue they receive in connection with Sport Aid funding.

Successive governments, however, had taken the view that to allow special VAT relief or matching refunds for charitable fund-raising events was not the right way to help in such circumstances.

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MPs voted by a majority of 34 not to exclude Mr Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter of the Times, from the House of Commons as had been recommended by the Committee of Privileges for publishing a draft report of a select committee.

By 158 votes to 124, the Commons decided that it would be proper to punish an MP who disclosed the draft report of a select committee, but considered it would be wrong to punish a journalist merely for doing his job.

Mr John Biffen, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House of Commons, said the draft report of a select committee, but considered it would be wrong to punish a journalist merely for doing his job.

There were shouts of "Shame!" and "Name him!" when Mr Biffen said the source of the leak had still not been identified.

It was argued that select committee reports were messily more influential if they were unanimous and cut across party lines. If a number of reports of the proceedings appeared in the press before deliberations were complete, it inevitably became more difficult for a committee to achieve a unanimous view.

British Airways announces pre-tax profits of £183 million.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1986

	1985/86	1984/85
Turnover	£m 3149	£m 2942
Airline Operating Surplus	205	303
Profit Before Taxation	183	168
Transferred to Reserves	181	176

Commentary on 1985/86

Volume of scheduled airline traffic increased over that for the previous year by 6.7 per cent in terms of passengers and 7.7 per cent in terms of Revenue Passenger Kilometres.

Cargo and Charters were also buoyant. Yields per passenger kilometre were little changed.

The Airline Operating Surplus has been affected by the following:

- * Higher staff costs due to greater traffic, improved customer services, preparations for move to Terminal 4.
- * Productivity has improved 4 per cent.
- * Higher aircraft charges
- * Lower fuel costs
- * Exchange losses on settlement of overseas receivables less payables

Current Year

Following the exceptional events of recent weeks, forward bookings and cash receipts are down. However, yields are up which confirms that the reduction in traffic is primarily in the leisure and holiday markets and on intercontinental services. In the face of lower traffic and uncertainty as to how long this may continue, measures are being taken now to limit the damage that may be caused to British Airways. Recruitment for this summer season has stopped and staff numbers are being reviewed. A number of scheduled services will be cancelled or combined with others in order to avoid carrying uneconomic loads. At the same time tactical marketing is being increased to boost traffic particularly on the Atlantic and early indications are that this is working. The Board will not hesitate to take such further steps as it considers necessary in order to minimise the adverse effects on the company.

King of Warrnaby, Chairman

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New board for controlling the provision of legal aid

SCOTLAND

There had been a vast expansion of legal aid expenditure in recent years and this was one reason for the need for further rationalisation of the legal aid system, Mr John MacKay, Under Secretary of State, Scottish Office, said in the Commons when he moved the second reading of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Bill.

He also told MPs that a royal commission in 1980 had highlighted some criticisms of the aid arrangements and had supported the view that it was wrong in principle for the Law Society as the governing body of the solicitors' profession, to be responsible for supervising payment of public funds to its own members. There was scope for conflict of interest.

The Bill sets up a Scottish Legal Aid Board which would unite most aspects of legal aid, and Mr MacKay was confident that combining the various responsibilities in one body would lead to significant improvements in the administration in Scotland by overcoming the present fragmentation.

For criminal legal aid, the changes in the Bill concerned more than simply administration. Aid arrangements in the more serious cases dealt with under solemn procedure would remain essentially unchanged and responsibility for considering applications would continue to rest with the courts. Courts would continue to consider the financial criterion of whether undue hardship would be caused to the accused or his dependants but not whether the award of legal aid would be in the interest of justice.

In summary cases, there had always been doubts as to how far the courts trying cases should be involved in awarding or refusing legal aid on grounds of justice grounds. There was, accordingly, a good case for transferring responsibility from them. His understanding was that this would be welcomed by many solicitors.

There had been concern that this might sometimes cause delay in court business. Hence the Government was paying special attention to the need to reduce to a minimum the time taken for submission and consideration of applications. The board would be able to deal with urgent applications in days.

The need for an independent board had been generally supported in consultations. He was certain, too, that a board with knowledge or experience of

information technology, management and administration, and social affairs and law and court procedures would be better qualified to administer legal aid arrangements than a body consisting mainly or entirely of lawyers.

People in custody would receive automatic legal aid until the conclusion of the first diet at which a plea of guilty or not guilty was tendered. In cases where the accused was in custody and pleaded guilty, he would be entitled to automatic legal aid up to the final disposal of his case. Where the accused remained in custody after a not guilty plea at the first diet, he would be entitled to receive legal aid from the time he submitted an application until the application had been determined. This

should help to avoid delay in the process.

As at present, solicitors would be able to provide advice and assistance to those charged with an offence, where an accused being dealt with under summary proceedings was not in custody. The intention was that criminal legal aid should be available in general after the accused had pleaded not guilty at the first diet. For other proceedings it was proposed to introduce assistance by way of representation (ABWOR).

Where the accused pleaded guilty at the first diet he would receive ABWOR, if certain requirements were met up to the final disposal of the case. The intention was that the decision whether ABWOR should be provided should rest, initially at least, with the solicitor who would satisfy himself that the applicant was financially eligible and that the provision of ABWOR was justified in accordance with prescribed criteria.

Where the accused pleaded not guilty at the first diet would make their application to the board. The board would issue its decision in the light of any recommendations

in its own consideration of the financial and other factors. The Government would bring forward in committee an amendment to spell out factors to be taken into account in considering whether the interests of justice criterion was met.

The main aims of the changes were to achieve greater consistency in the award of legal aid to increase the efficiency, effectiveness and economy of the system and to eliminate the possibility of abuse.

Mr Donald Dewar, chief Opposition spokesman on Scotland, said there was a case for making sure there was no conflict of interest or apparent conflict of interest. This should always be avoided. There was certainly an argument for the transfer of this responsibility to an independent legal aid board for Scotland and he therefore gave his broad support to the key proposal in the Bill.

But the Opposition had some doubts and he moved an amendment which declined to give a second reading to a Bill which did not adequately safeguard the independence of the proposed Scottish Legal Aid Board, provided no satisfactory appeal procedure for an applicant refused legal aid and offered no effective guarantee that the right of the individual citizen to legal representation in the civil and criminal courts would not be eroded under the Government's policy of public expenditure restraint by the use of the powers given to the Secretary of State for Scotland to regulate such matters by order.

He recognised the case for consistency of approach in the courts in granting legal aid and was aware of the proper and correct attitude which was how to save public money being wrongly spent on lawyers. This was the last way he would do it.

The Opposition amendment was rejected by 266 votes to 166 - Government majority, 100. The Bill was read a second

Bill aimed to protect public from dangers

BRADFORD FIRE

The tragic Bradford City football fire would not have happened had the Public Safety (Information) Bill been law, Mr Robin Squire (Hornchurch, C) said when given leave in the Commons to bring in the Bill under the 10-minute rule procedure.

The Bill, he said, would ensure that where a public danger was known to a local authority or its officers, that information must be brought to the attention of the nearest private committee for public discussion.

Members of the public likely to be affected by hazards would be told of the dangers and have a right to see and copy available information. The Bill would also establish a public register containing details of all such dangers which would be open to press and public inspection.

The object of the Bill was supported by 26 local authorities, including Bradford, he said, and seven had implemented its provisions as far as they were able under the present law.

Criminals to lose profits

The Government intended to strengthen the powers of the court to deprive offenders of the proceeds of their offences, Viscount Davidson, a Government spokesman, told the House of Lords during question time.

The Government, he said, had invited comments on the extent to which the powers contained in the Drug Trafficking Offences Bill might be applied to other types of profitable crime.

Asked what types of crime might be subjected to similar confiscation conditions as drug trafficking, he said that serious fraud and other types of organized crime were obvious candidates.

Six weeks for new passport

Non-urgent passport applications are taking between five and six weeks to process because of industrial action earlier this year, and an increase in demand, Mr David Wakeham, Minister of State, Home Office, said in a Commons written reply.

He added that priority was being given to applications which indicated an early date of travel and every effort was being

Privatization of buses will cut fares, NCB chief says

By Michael Bailey, Transport Editor

Bus fares will fall and passengers increase when the National Bus Company (NBC), which operates a third of Britain's bus routes, is privatized later this year, the chairman, Mr Rodney Lund, predicted yesterday.

Household names among local bus companies - Southdown, Ribblesdale, Crossville, Midland Red, and Yorkshire Traction - look set for a management buyout and a more competitive service for customers in place of the widely predicted uncertainty and loss of services, Mr Lund said.

Interest has been expressed inside and outside the NBC's 52 local bus companies, Mr Lund disclosed, and, with declared support from financial institutions, managers and staff had a "once-in-a-lifetime chance" to own their own business.

In the ensuing competition, he was confident that fares would fall, especially on busy routes, and the recent upturn in passenger numbers would continue.

NBC bus passengers increased from 1,430 million to

1,440 million last year, the first rise in recent memory, largely as a result of more than 1,000 minibuses offering a faster and more frequent service in towns.

By October, NBC expects to have 3,000 minibuses, operating shopping shuttles, park-and-ride, and other new services in response to changing customer demand.

Present uncertainty over bus deregulation was rubbish, Mr Lund said.

About 75 per cent of NBC routes had been tendered to continue on a profitable basis, and it was up to local authorities to continue to subsidize the remainder. If they did so on the present scale, there would be no loss of services and no redundancies.

With 14,500 buses and 49,000 staff, National Bus reported a £35.8 million operating profit on an £807.2 million turnover last year. The shortfall on the previous year's £46 million profit was largely accounted for by the cost of preparing for privatization.

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Fears at growth of armed police

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Police use of firearms has expanded to such an extent in the past 20 years that Britain could have a regularly armed police service by the end of the century, the Home Secretary, Mr Douglas Hurd, was told yesterday.

Anxiety about an apparent escalation of police reliance on guns was raised by Mr Leslie Curtis, chairman of the 120,000-member Police Federation, when he addressed the organization's annual conference at Scarborough.

When Mr Hurd addressed the conference, later he attacked the over-dramatization of police use of arms. He also told delegates, whose concern over manpower shortages has dominated the delegates, that the police service could not expect unlimited resources.

The Home Secretary's speech was reasonably well received. It had been thought that he might be subjected to a rough ride over the manpower issue.

In his speech Mr Curtis called for a general policy of fair but firm policing and greater appreciation of the "great unbranded" at risk in the inner cities.

On the subject of firearms he said: "In the past 20 years the police service has moved away from being an almost totally unarmed body to a service in which firearms play a very significant role. We have taken steps down the road to becoming a regularly armed police service."

"If future developments take place at the same rate as they have occurred in the last 20 years that stage could be reached before the century is out."

Mr Curtis drew the loudest and longest applause of the week when he told the Home Secretary that shotguns should have the same controls as other firearms.

When Mr Hurd spoke he told his audience: "Do not let

us allow the public to get hold of the wrong end of the stick on the police and firearms."

The number of police operations in which guns had been used had dropped from 3,180 in 1983 to 2,488 in 1985. It was wrong to talk about the police being regularly armed, he said. Last year in England and Wales the police had used firearms five times in London and twice in the provinces.

Mr Hurd said that when he gave the figures to an American audience recently one listener told him that the New York police had achieved that figure in one precinct by test-firing on a warm afternoon.

Turning to manpower resources, the Home Secretary described the gains made by the police since 1979 and told the conference that "no major public service has fared so well". The emphasis had been moved to value for money and that would continue.

"No one in their senses supposes that there will ever be a time in our lifetimes when public resources will be so plentiful that extra can be had just for the asking. The likely demands on all public services piling up to the next century rule that out."

In the draft of his speech issued to the press Mr Hurd also noted: "We are thus at the beginning of a new phase in police expansion - not entered into in panic or by giving one public service a blank cheque which is denied all others."

After his speech he said that he had omitted the sentence and the rest of the paragraph to prevent repetition.

Last year the Prime Minister promised at the Conservative Party conference to give the police all the men and resources they needed. Since then the Government has been attacked for failing to honour what has been described as a "blank cheque".

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Solicitors urge end to right of jury trial

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Prosecuting Solicitors' Society has urged the Government to abolish the right of defendants to elect trial by jury.

Instead, the society proposes in a paper published yesterday that magistrates should have the power to decide whether there were good reasons for a particular case to be tried by jury.

The paper said legislation "to stem the mass of unmeritorious cases, being committed to the Crown court is overdue" and added that the new Crown Prosecution Service would be seriously hampered if money had to be spent on cases "which do not merit Crown court trials".

At least half the cases in which defendants elected jury trial became pleas of guilty, the society said.

Those defendants chose jury trial because they wanted to postpone a custodial sentence, which they saw as inevitable, or because they were already subject to some kind of suspended sentence or court order.

The paper said the right to elect to be tried before a jury may be reasonable and proper. "What cannot be reasonable, proper or justifiable is for persons who have no intention, and have never had any intention, of pleading not guilty, and therefore requiring the examination of their case by a jury, electing to be tried on indictment."

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The lights controlling traffic entering the M6 during the busy morning peak period (Photograph: John Voos).

M6 slip road trial for traffic lights

By Craig Seton

The first trial in Britain of traffic lights to control the flow of vehicles on a motorway received a cautious welcome yesterday at a junction of the M6 in the Midlands.

The six-month trial is centred on the slip road leading on to the southbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 10 at Walsall, which has been described as one of the busiest junctions in Europe.

The traffic lights have been installed on a gantry three-quarters of the way down the slip-road.

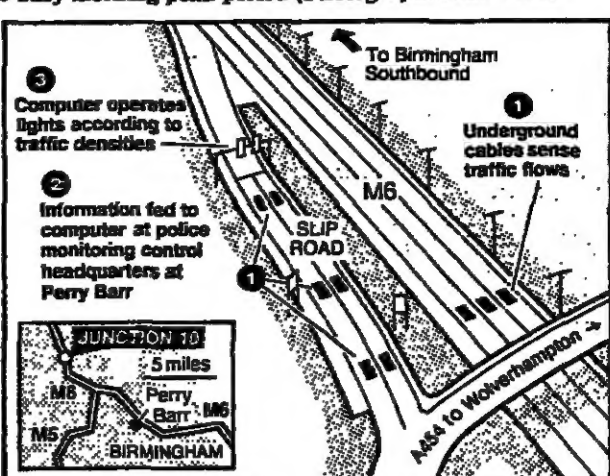
They are linked to a computer at a traffic control centre and which is programmed to regulate the traffic entering

the motorway during the morning rush hour, when southbound motorway traffic has been monitored at the rate of 6,000 vehicles an hour.

Electronic sensors hidden in the motorway surface relay information to the computer about the speed and flow of traffic on the southbound carriageway and vehicles are permitted to leave the slip-road only when a suitable "gap" has been detected.

Similar sensors on the slip road ensure that cars do not tail back to a roundabout above the junction. The maximum time a motorist is expected to be kept waiting by the red lights is 90 seconds.

Mr Graham Pearson, who observed yesterday's trial for



the Automobile Association, said: "In the past we have seen motorway traffic reduced to 20 miles per hour along this section because of the sheer volume of vehicles, but the experiment appears initially to have been a success."

"It reduced the tailback and made things easier for drivers."

Mr Alan Whitfield, the Department of Transport's West Midlands director, said the M6 in the Midlands had carried up to 140,000 vehicles a day and there was still an urgent need for the proposed northern relief road, which was not expected to be completed until the mid-1990s.

Very strong interest was expressed in church unity.

A characteristic comment was that Roman Catholics had begun to see themselves first and foremost as Christians, already united by common baptism with members of other churches.

A big change had evidently occurred in relations between priests and people, with a trend against putting the priest on a pedestal and towards treating him as a friendly leader. But bishops were felt to be too remote

Ruling aids battle for listed buildings

Westminster City Council won High Court support yesterday in its battle against the increasing number of thefts of valuable architectural items from listed buildings.

Lord Justice Watkins and Sir Roger Ormrod ruled that the removal of highly prized features from buildings listed for preservation was an "absolute" criminal offence.

This removes from the council, as prosecuting authority, the need to prove that

people found taking items from buildings knew the buildings were listed and that they were committing a criminal offence.

The ruling will also help local authorities which have a duty to protect buildings preserved for their historical and architectural merit.

Lord Justice Watkins said Westminster council had for some time been concerned by the large number of thefts from its 9,000 listed buildings.

To stop the thefts, the council prosecuted Mr Brian Martin, of a company called Amazing Graites, who was discovered with others taking away chimney pieces, panelled doors and staircase balustrading from 42 and 43 Wimpole Street.

Mr Martin was charged under section 55 (1) of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1971, which makes it an offence to demolish or remove features from listed buildings without authority.

But Mr Edward Branson, the Wells Street stipendiary magistrate, found in April last year that there was no evidence that Mr Martin knew the buildings were listed.

Lord Justice Watkins ruled that the magistrate was wrong in law. "We see no injustice in holding, as we do, that this offence is an absolute one."

The judge ordered the magistrate to continue hearing Mr Martin's case.

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Market animals law plea

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

A new offence of causing unnecessary suffering to animals at markets is recommended in a report by the Farm Animals Welfare Council, published yesterday.

The report, which makes more than 100 recommendations for the improvement of market legislation, said an inspector should be present at all times during loading and unloading, and that local authorities should be reminded of the importance of their enforcement role.

It said: "Over zealous attempts to drive animals off lorries are all too common. The excessive use of sticks and goads, shouting, and the resort on occasion to force, serves only to frighten and confuse animals further."

The report said the use of the electric goad was often counter-productive, creating confusion and stress for the animals. "We view with much concern the trend of increased power output of goads, which may now be close to the point of causing unnecessary pain to the animal."

The council said it had seen no incidences of outright cruelty on visits to markets. However there had been cases where animals were handled more harshly than necessary, mainly due to carelessness, lack of knowledge and experience, and perhaps an insensitivity to the fact that they also feel discomfort or pain.

The report also concluded that the practice of ear punching on sheep and cattle in markets is not acceptable.

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Postmen set pay deadline

By Alan Tiffin, leader of the postmen's union, said yesterday that he would give the Post Office until next Wednesday to make a final pay offer to his 150,000 members.

He gave a clear indication that he expected the present 4.8 per cent offer to be increased beyond 6 per cent. If the Post Office did not raise it, a strike ballot would go ahead.

That would take a minimum of three weeks.

A provisional meeting between the Union of Communication Workers and the Post Office has been agreed for next Wednesday.

Mr Tiffin, general secretary of the union, told its annual conference at Bournemouth that he wanted the Post Office's "final offer" now.

Mr Tiffin pointed to the power workers' 6.5 per cent and offers of more than 6 per cent to Civil Servants and bank clerks as his targets.

Delegates gave him their full support when he expressed his determination to reduce the present 43-hour week.

"I don't believe our members, this year, could settle for an increase in the range the Post Office is offering without any reduction in hours."

The Post Office said yesterday: "The proposition we have put forward to the UCW would in fact allow pay rates to rise by 5.25 per cent."

Kasparov gives Miles a lesson

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

World champion Gary Kasparov (USSR) is heading for a victory of Fischeresque proportion against the British Olympic number one, Tony Miles, in Basle.

Kasparov won the fifth game to reach the amazing score of four and a half from five games with Miles. Kasparov's play in game five featured a vitally important novelty (18 R-QB1).

Formerly, experts worldwide had insisted that 18 D-O-O was the only correct move at this juncture. After Kasparov's innovation at move

18, Miles was only able to survive for a further 10 moves.

After the game, Miles said to the world champion: "Thanks for the lesson."

In the Kleinwort Grievson UK-US chess challenge, although British players still hold the lead the US players regained considerable lost ground in round six played on Tuesday.

Cathy Haslinger (UK) drew her game with Angela Chang (US), but both Kevin Rist (UK) and the British champion, Jon Speelman, lost their

games respectively to Alex Chang and the US champion, Lev Alburt. Two more rounds of the chess challenge remain to be played.

Fifth match game
White: Kasparov
Black: Miles

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The South African raids

Nelson Mandela ready to support an end to campaign of violence

By Nicholas Ashford, Diplomatic Correspondent

Mr Nelson Mandela, the imprisoned leader of the banned African National Congress (ANC), told members of the Commonwealth peace mission at the end of last week he was ready to support their plan to end violence in South Africa and promote dialogue between the white Government and black leaders.

30,000 homeless in Crossroads

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Fighting in the vast, pulsating sprawl of the Crossroads shanty town outside Cape Town appeared yesterday to have burnt itself out, quite literally, leaving at least 18 people dead, 3,000 tin shacks destroyed, and up to 30,000 people without shelter.

Falls of smoke still hung over the settlement, large areas of which have been reduced to an eerie landscape of devastation: a waste of blackened and burnt corrugated-iron sheets.

Unofficial estimates put the death toll in three days of fighting at between 30 and 40, plus scores more injured. Many bodies are thought to be still buried under the ruins. The Cape Times said the

situation should be treated as "a regional disaster". Most of the refugees from the fighting are women and children.

Large numbers of refugees have been housed in a colony of army tents, and some have been moved to Khayelitsha, a new black township some 20 miles to the south-east of Cape Town. Soup kitchens set up by the St John Ambulance and the Red Cross are feeding some 4,500 people.

Four black men connected to the outlawed ANC were sentenced to jail terms ranging from five to 14 years on treason charges at the Rand Supreme Court in Johannesburg yesterday (AFP reports).

Raiders hired cars at Bulawayo

From Jan Raath, Harare

The South African commandos who raided African National Congress targets in Zimbabwe on Monday, got to their destinations in rental cars owned by Hertz and Avis, the international car hire firms.

Mr Brian Bowyers, the General Manager of Hertz here, said yesterday that he had learnt of his company's unwitting involvement in the raid after police notified him that the vehicles had been found abandoned, at a location he would not disclose.

He said three vehicles used in the raid had been hired on Sunday at the Bulawayo airport by passengers stepping off

the flight from Victoria Falls in north-west Zimbabwe.

The world-famous tourist spot is only 30 miles from their destinations in rental cars owned by Hertz and Avis, the international car hire firms. The South African-run territory there consists of a thin spit of land known as the Caprivi Strip, where South Africa has a large military presence.

The raiders had paid a deposit for the vehicles in cash, he said. A spokesman for Avis declined to give details. Sources, however, said Avis had also innocently hired two cars to the raiders.

Speculation continues, but a reconstruction of the raiders' movements derived from a

variety of sources suggests they flew into north-west Zimbabwe from the Caprivi Strip, caught the Bulawayo flight as tourists, and drove at high speed to Harare, 200 miles away, to arrive at about midnight.

A rendezvous with an advance party supplying them with arms, ammunition, grenades, explosives, ladders, radios and other equipment would have been necessary. Roadblocks are mounted outside Zimbabwean towns every weekend, and the raiders are unlikely to have been willing to risk being caught before reaching the capital.

The timing of the South African attack convinced some members of the Commonwealth team that the attack was timed to destroy their initiative.

The South African Government would have been fully aware of Mr Mandela's views on their peace plans, as a government official was present throughout the meeting.

Members of the group noted a significant hardening in South African attitudes towards their ban between the time they arrived on Tuesday last week and the time they held a final meeting with Cabinet ministers in Cape Town on Monday.



Vigilantes, identified by their white armbands, watch yesterday as a home they set fire to burns fiercely at the Crossroads settlement near Cape Town.

Birthday plea for Sakharov

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Mrs Yelena Bonner, the wife of Dr Andrei Sakharov, arrived here yesterday for a meeting with congressional leaders to mark the Soviet dissident's 65th birthday.

At an emotional concert in New York on Tuesday, she called on the world to help her exiled husband and other Soviet dissidents. An Afghan guerrilla leader offered to release captured Soviet prisoners in exchange for Dr Sakharov's freedom.

Mr Richard Shifter, an assistant Secretary of State for human rights affairs, read a proclamation from President Reagan declaring yesterday "Sakharov Day".

● BONN: The West German Government and leading politicians yesterday urged the Soviet Union to end Dr Sakharov's internal exile (Reuter reports).

Anger greets UN delay over rights

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

The decision to postpone to next year the annual August session of the UN human rights sub-commission has been received with dismay and anger by non-government organizations (NGOs) working in the human rights field.

Meetings of the sub-commission and its working groups — dealing with indigenous peoples, slavery and human rights violations, widely regarded as the most effective part of all UN human rights activities — have been cancelled as part of the UN economy drive.

"About 80 per cent of information on violations reaching the UN comes through the sub-commission," Mr Niall Macdermot, secretary general of the International Commission of Jurists, said. "This is an across-the-board cut without assessing the merits of what is being excluded."

He said that while promo-

tion of human rights was one of the main objectives of the UN, expenditure was slightly less than 1 per cent of its budget.

He wrote to the Secretary-General before the recent special UN Assembly session on economics to express the hope that human rights activities would be spared the economy axe. No reply was received.

Mr Martin Ennals, former director of Amnesty International, described the cancellation as "absolutely disastrous in terms of the UN human rights programme. The sub-commission is the one place where well-substantiated information can be submitted to a proper forum in the UN, and has condemnation of governments coming out. There will also be a knock-on effect in the main human rights commission," he said.

Reagan's plea cuts spy case details

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The Washington Post yesterday left out specific information from an article on an American spy case following a personal telephone call from President Reagan to Mrs Katharine Graham, chairman of the newspaper's board, urging her not to publish the article.

The newspaper said that Mr Reagan made the call at the request of Mr William Casey, director of the CIA.

Before his call, other officials had told the paper that the article could jeopardise national security, the Post said.

These officials included Vice-Admiral John Poindexter, the National Security Advisor, and Lieutenant William Odom, Director of the National Security Agency.

The paper said that Mr Ben Bradlee, the executive editor, had decided that "because the Post has been unable fully to judge the validity of the national security objections of senior officials, and because of Post lawyers' concerns, the paper has decided to print this article without a description of the technology ... allegedly betrayed".

The article concerns the activities of Ronald Peaton, a former employee of the National Security Agency whose trial on charges of selling classified information to the Soviet Union is about to start.

Kidnappers want student protest ended

From Our Correspondent, Beirut

The kidnappers of a Lebanese teacher at the American University here threatened yesterday to kill him unless university professors and students suspended a 13-day-old strike in protest at his abduction.

The threat, made by a group calling itself the Independent Movement for the Liberation of the Kidnapped, came hours after Mr Calvin Plimpton, the president of the university, issued an appeal to end the protest, because it might endanger the life of the abducted Christian teacher, Mr Nabul Matar.

Composer resigns as MP in Greece

Cologne (AP) — Mikis Theodorakis, the Greek composer and political activist, said yesterday he was giving up his Communist Party seat in the Greek Parliament. Theodorakis, aged 60, said he had resigned because Parliament was unable to bring about the political change he felt necessary. An MP for 10 years who now lives in Paris, he was visiting Cologne to promote 20 concerts he will give in West Germany.

Soyuz launch

Moscow (Reuter) — The Soviet Union launched an unmanned prototype of a new-generation Soyuz spacecraft designed to ferry cosmonauts to space stations, Tass said.

Typhoon toll

Sydney (AP) — Emergency supplies were rushed to the Solomon Islands, which has been devastated by the gales and torrential rains of Typhoon Nami, leaving at least five people dead and pushing villages into the sea.

Lovers to hang

Cairo (AP) — A court here sentenced a woman and her lover to hang after convicting them of murdering the woman's husband and son.

Heroin haul

Delhi (Reuter) — Indian officials seized 106lb of pure heroin, with a street value of some £260 million, in the biggest drug haul in the city. Eight people, including three Pakistanis, were arrested.

Youde stays

Hong Kong (AFP) — Sir Edward Youde, said after returning from London that he expected to remain Governor of Hong Kong until 1988.

Can of worms

Cologne (Reuter) — A worm breeder's wife who blames the city of Cologne for the loss of a million worms is taking her case to West Germany's highest civil court. Frau Lizzie Wilms says that the worms wriggled off in 1981, when on loan to the parks department for an experiment, because they were not fed properly. She wants more than £100,000 in damages.



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Howe puts trade and jobs at the top of British EEC agenda

From Richard Owen, Brussels

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday announced an "action programme" for Britain's presidency of the EEC Council of Ministers, which begins on July 1, with job creation and liberalization of trade at the top of the agenda.

Speaking after a day of talks with M Jacques Delors, president of the EEC Commission and other Commissioners, Sir Geoffrey said the thrust of the programme was to "mobilize and energize the community to realize its full potential for generating jobs and prosperity". He said Britain was co-ordinating this programme with The Netherlands, which holds the presidency for the first half of this year, in order to ensure continuity.

Sir Geoffrey said the British agenda for the second half of this year included completion

of the internal market, the liberalization of transport, the lifting of burdens on businesses, and flexibility in the labour market, which he said should not be seen as directed against trade unions, but was rather intended to open up employment opportunities in the EEC.

Sir Geoffrey said these measures would benefit the consumer and enable the EEC to compete more effectively in international markets with the United States and Japan. He identified other priority areas as the setting of guidelines for the 1987 EEC budget, the forthcoming round of GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) talks, the fight against protectionism, and relations with the Mediterranean area and Turkey.

The EEC is preparing a meeting with Turkey for the

autumn to review Ankara's Association Treaty with the EEC, but has run into Greek sensitivities over improved arrangements for Turkey. Sir Geoffrey said Britain would seek to give the EEC a convincing voice in world affairs, and said EEC responses to crises such as Libya and Chernobyl did not reflect badly on EEC foreign policy but showed the EEC was "firing on all cylinders".

Sir Geoffrey said Britain would pursue reform of the common agricultural policy (CAP), with the beef regime as the next target for reform. He said the CAP was "not a unique folly of the Community", and that every industrial country had some system of subsidy for its agricultural economy. The problem was how to stop producing surpluses.



Turkish soldiers leading Ali al-Adjeli Ramadan, one of two Libyans charged with trying to bomb a US officers' club in Ankara, into the State Security Court yesterday. The court has discontinued the trial in absence of three Libyan diplomats because of their immunity.

Bonn orders 35 more Tornados

From Rodney Cowton, Brussels

West Germany is to order another 35 Tornado aircraft at a cost of about £1 billion. This will bring the number so far ordered by Germany to 359, and makes the worldwide total 933.

The Tornado is a joint project by Britain, Germany and Italy. The German order is for a version which will be used for electronic reconnaissance and to locate and destroy enemy radar. Britain has on order, or delivered, 385 Tornados, and intends to order

another nine. This week it was announced that there has been substantial progress in overcoming earlier design problems with the multinational £20 billion European Fighter project (EFA), which involves the three Tornado partners and Spain.

Nato confronts crucial decision on chemical weapons

From Richard Owen and Frederick Bonmart, Brussels

Mr George Younger, the Secretary of State for Defence, flew yesterday to Brussels for his first meeting of the Nato Defence Planning Committee, at which the critical question of production of modern chemical weapons for Nato is to be finally settled.

Despite the hopes of some Nato officials that the issue could be dealt with quietly, the meeting has been preceded by controversy, partly because of European sensitivity on arms issues and partly because of the particular "distaste" with which nerve gases are seen.

At a preparatory meeting last week, Nato ambassadors agreed to a plan for the first production in 17 years of chemical weapons by the United States, in order to

counter existing Soviet chemical weapon capabilities.

But Congress has made the granting of funds for the Reagan Administration's chemical weapons plan dependent on full approval by all 16 Nato allies. At last week's preparatory meeting several European countries — and particularly Denmark and The Netherlands — voiced strong objections.

Nato diplomats said Mr Younger and the other ministers would probably simply "note" the American request for contingency plans for the production of binary chemical weapons ready for possible deployment in Western Europe in a future crisis.

Unlike chemical weapons produced before 1969, some of which are kept in West Germany, the new weapons

would be stored in America and transferred to Europe only at a time of crisis, leaving open the question of how such a crisis might be defined.

The British view is that the eventual deployment of such weapons would be a matter for consultation between Washington and the European governments involved "in the light of circumstances prevailing at the time".

It remains unclear, however, whether the Europeans would have the right to refuse chemical weapons by exercising a national veto. The Dutch Government, which yesterday faced a general election, has said that a decision to resume chemical weapons production is the "wrong signal to Moscow at the wrong time".

One aim of the Nato plan is to force the Soviet Union into

a more flexible negotiating posture on chemical weapons. There is general concern among Nato's European members over lack of progress at Geneva as a result of Mr Gorbachev's failure to follow up his earlier impetus to arms control.

The Europeans are disappointed at the lack of progress on intermediate nuclear forces (INF) and are hoping for movement forward instead on the question of strategic missile reductions (Start).

European officials say that the American plan envisages the deployment of chemical weapons "in all Nato countries in which American troops capable of chemical weapons delivery are stationed or will be stationed".

The chemical weapons plan is one of 1,500 "force goals" for 1987-92 to be adopted at this week's meeting.

SPD agrees to end nuclear power in West Germany

From Our Correspondent, Bonn

West Germany's five Social Democratic (SPD) state Prime Ministers have agreed to abolish nuclear energy by amending the country's atomic law.

Abolition moves will begin after the Lower Saxony state election on June 15, which, if won by the SPD, would give it a 25-18 majority in the Bundestag.

The SPD Prime Ministers and their Hans-Jochen Vogel, the Opposition leader in the Bundestag, announced their abolition plans in Hanover on Tuesday — a day after the Greens ended their congress there after demanding immediate closure of all nuclear plants and agreeing that their future political co-operation with the SPD would depend on its support of that call.

The Greens also voted to end the SPD-Green coalition government in Hesse if the SPD would not agree to close seven atomic installations in

the state by the end of 1986.

In Bonn yesterday the Cabinet agreed on guidelines to compensate farmers for losses resulting from the radiation scare following the Chernobyl reactor disaster.

Police attacked anti-nuclear demonstrators, attacked a police station at Schwandorf in Bavaria, early yesterday after police cleared a "peace camp" near the site of a planned atomic reprocessing plant at nearby Wackersdorf.

BELGRADE: Yugoslavia has shelved plans to build a nuclear power plant in its main wheat-growing area (Reuters reports). It is the second such cancellation this month, the official Tanjug news agency said. Informed sources say the Government is backing away from its nuclear development plans until the Chernobyl disaster can be properly assessed.

Reactor in test before explosion

Moscow (AP) — Soviet experts were conducting experiments on the No 4 Chernobyl reactor when it exploded and caught fire on April 26, an atomic energy official said yesterday.

Mr Viktor Sidorenko, deputy chairman of the State committee for nuclear inspection, refused to describe the experiments or to say whether they were connected with the accident which killed at least 13 people, sent nearly 300 to hospital, and threw out a worldwide cloud of radiation.

He said that the accident occurred while the reactor was operating at only 6 or 7 per cent of its capacity in preparation for "planned annual repairs".

"We planned to hold some experiments, research work, when the reactor was on this level," he said. "The accident took place in the stage of experimental research work."

Press reports say that the Soviet authorities are preparing for a possible prolonged absence of the 92,000 Chernobyl evacuees, some of whom are still separated from their families.

Radiation level falls in Britain

Brussels — As EEC experts met yesterday to consider whether its ban on food from eastern Europe should be curtailed or extended, the European Commission said that radiation levels in Britain after Chernobyl had fallen far below danger level (Richard Owen writes).

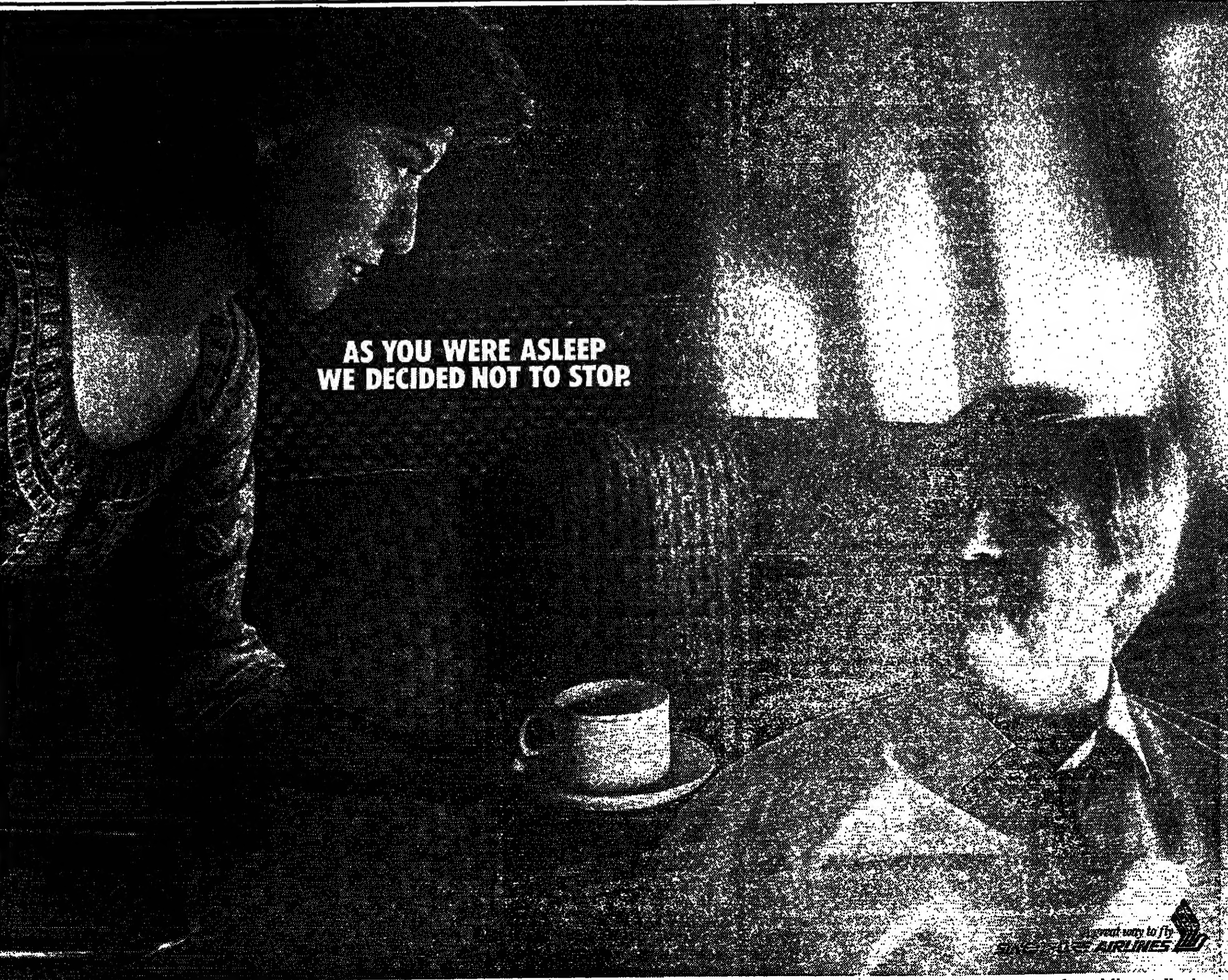
A spokesman for Mr Stanley Clinton Davis, Commissioner for the Environment, said that levels were very low in Britain and the Irish Republic and practically nil in Spain and Portugal.

Levels in West Germany, Italy, and the Low Countries were higher, but still below danger levels laid down by the Commission shortly after the accident.

Last week Mr Clinton Davis told the European Parliament he had rejected as inadequate a report on EEC nuclear safety drawn up by experts after earlier leaks at Sellafield.

Mr Davis said the governing of the International Atomic Agency failed to agree yesterday on how to ensure that members give immediate notification of nuclear accidents (Richard Bassett writes).

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Reagan faces Contra setback as Contadora talks progress

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The Reagan Administration's combative policy towards Nicaragua is under grave threat. Senior officials and right-wing Congressmen fear that some deft political moves by the Sandinista Government over the next few weeks could kill the President's attempts to escalate military aid to the beleaguered Contras.

The divided and demoralized fighters have all but collapsed as an effective guerrilla force, and further denial of immediate American aid may well precipitate their rapid demise, officials fear.

The crisis has sparked a bitter, open feud between Pentagon hardliners and State Department moderates. The State Department has publicly taken issue with the Pentagon for releasing an internal military study which belittled current peace negotiations.

Pentagon hardliners retorted angrily, saying the State Department had seen the report some time ago and agreed with it. The White House quickly intervened to defuse the row, saying the Pentagon study was out of date anyway.

The wrangle brings to the surface an intense clash of wills over immediate policy towards Nicaragua in view of surprising progress in the Central American peace talks, which has brought the isthmus to the brink of a settlement after three years of laborious negotiations.

Despite many statements to the contrary, the US has never given much credence to the

talks, which are conducted under the aegis of the Contadora nations of Colombia, Venezuela, Mexico and Panama.

But many members of Congress are excited by the possibility of an imminent settlement. On Tuesday 101 members urged Mr Reagan to support any peace deal that meets "legitimate security considerations" of the US.

The negotiations have suddenly reached a decisive juncture. Should an accord emerge by the self-imposed deadline of June 6, it might easily tip the scales against President Reagan in a vote due in Congress three days later on his request for \$100 million (£65 million) for the rebels.

Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador have all agreed the terms of a deal and Nicaragua is under immense pressure to fall in line. The Reagan Administration is already attacking the possible peace plan on the ground that Nicaragua cannot be trusted to abide by it.

Nicaragua last weekend refused to sign the agreement because it would restrict the amount of weapons each country could hold. It argued that the limitations would undermine Nicaragua's fight against the Contras.

Administration officials suspect that Nicaragua may sign only at the last minute with the aim of making the greatest impact on next month's critical debate in the US Congress.



President Duarte of El Salvador reviewing a guard of honour at a military base in Brasilia with President Sarney after arriving for two days of talks.

Duarte call to back peace deal

From A Correspondent
Rio de Janeiro

President Duarte of El Salvador ended a controversial visit yesterday, insisting that all nations in Central America adhere to an accord for peace and stability.

Señor Duarte, who met President Sarney of Brazil and local government leaders, urged that all parties sign the Contadora Act, the initiative for peace and non-intervention, when Central Americans meet in Panama next month.

He expressed his strongest support to date for the Contadora Act, which calls for a withdrawal of all foreign military advisers and troops.

Señor Duarte said the emergence of pluralist democracies in Latin America was a positive factor and an incentive to dialogue for achieving peace.

Embattled French Government faces censure attack

Electoral reform Bill runs into trouble

From Diana Geddes
Paris

The French Government faced criticism from all sides yesterday with a censure motion by the Socialists on its electoral reform Bill, a one-day strike throughout French television, and public opposition from President Mitterrand over its plans for New Caledonia.

The censure motion, the second within the past week, could cause an anxious moment for the Government, with its overall parliamentary majority of only three, in the National Assembly tonight.

The extreme-right National Front, which abstained on the last censure motion, has said that this time it will vote against the Government.

The controversial electoral reform Bill would give the Government powers to bypass

Parliament and legislate by decree to bring back the former two-round majority voting system, which the Socialists abandoned in favour of a single-round system of proportional representation.

The new proportional system, used for the first time in the March general election, was in large part responsible for the success of the National Front.

During a rowdy session in the National Assembly on Tuesday, the Government sought to justify its decision to use Article 49-3 of the constitution to cut short all debate on the Bill by saying that it needed to move quickly through its heavy legislative programme.

M Guy Dacoulé, spokesman for the Communist group, called on President Mitterrand to intervene "in the face of such a serious

attack on universal suffrage and such a radical negation of Parliament's role". The Communists know that they would be virtually annihilated by a return to majority voting.

President Mitterrand made clear in an off-the-cuff conversation with journalists on Sunday that, while he had no strong objections to a return to majority voting, he felt that Parliament should be able to pursue its debate on such an issue "right to the end".

He pointed out that "under no previous French republic has a new mode of voting been adopted by decree."

The most dramatic moment of Tuesday night's session came when M Charles Pasqua, the outspoken Interior Minister, rose to defend the Government's decision, saying that he, who had fought in the Resistance during the war, had no need for lessons in democ-

racy and patriotism from the Socialists, certain of whose "friends lay down before the occupier".

While French parliamentarians may call each other "liars" and other insulting names with virtual impunity, any suggestion that they collaborated with the Nazis is considered beyond the pale.

M Pasqua's comments caused an immediate uproar, and provoked a walk-out by the Socialist and Communist deputies.

M Roland Dumas, former Socialist foreign minister and himself a Resistance fighter, later returned to tell M Pasqua that he was a "thug".

French television unions staged a one-day strike yesterday in protest against the Government's plans to privatise the first television channel, TF1.

Belgians to strike against cutbacks

From Richard Owen
Brussels

Public sector trade unions in Belgium immediately called a strike after yesterday's long-awaited government announcement of budget cuts of nearly £3 billion.

The announcement came after two months of behind-the-scenes deliberation and despite two strikes earlier this month, called in a bid to dissuade the Government from making the cuts.

The centre-right coalition Government of Mr Wilfried Martens says it will not be deterred by the strike, called for today and tomorrow.

A spokesman for the Government said the cuts would affect spending on education, defence, health and transport.

The Government was re-elected last October on a programme of economic austerity, but both the Christian and the Socialist unions were vehemently opposed to the proposed cuts in public expenditure.

Their strikes this month have been offset to some extent by a fear of further unemployment, and a spate of good weather coinciding with a number of public holidays.

The £3 billion sliced off public spending represents 10 per cent of the budget and has led some union leaders to describe the cuts as radical and drastic.

The Government also intends to sell off some state enterprises, including the cross-channel ferries. Part of its strategy is to persuade the Christian unions, who are more sympathetic to the coalition than the Socialist unions, to accept the package of cuts.

Spain's Socialists try to play safe

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

The Spanish Socialists' manifesto for the June 22 general election lays bare the desire to retain as many as possible of the historic 10 million votes obtained in 1982.

In that election, in which the party swept to power after nearly 40 years in the wilderness, the Socialists produced a manifesto full of proposals attractively voicing widespread hope of change in the country, but there is little about change this time.

It is the Popular Alliance, the right-wing opposition, led by Señor Manuel Fraga, making an apparently forlorn fourth attempt to become Prime Minister, which has an election manifesto with ideological "punch".

Inspired by the new French Government's programme, Spain's Opposition offers tax incentives to the middle class and further liberalization of the economy to benefit private enterprise. The hope that new jobs will be generated will, it reckons, attract a working-class vote deeply frustrated by the continued rise of unemployment under the Socialists.

Pragmatism has been quickly learnt by the Socialists. Señor Alfonso Guerra, the party's campaign overlord and Deputy Prime Minister, introduced a bland manifesto which is supposed to be a blueprint for governing Spain till 1990 but which did not take on any additional commitments. Señor Guerra claimed that opinion polls show his party winning about

200 seats, only two short of the 1982 result.

There are no figures on job creation this time, such as the ill-fated promise of 800,000 new jobs in the 1982 manifesto, but merely unspecified measures aimed to take advantage of an "improving world economy".

Reporters sought in vain to pin Señor Guerra down on two issues which have become touchstones of the Socialists' approach in government. These are widening the law they brought in to permit abortions, according to women's social conditions and not strictly limited to their medical state; and re-incorporating into the Spanish Army a handful of officers unjustly expelled for manifesting democratic sympathies while Franco was still alive.

Aiming to attract, yet not offend, any voters Señor Guerra promised only that widening the abortion law provisions will be "much discussed" in the next Parliament.

Underlining the importance to the Socialists of winning the March referendum on staying in Nato, Señor Guerra promised voters that Spain will not be joining the integrated military command structures. One of the most intriguing proposals in the opposition manifesto is to privatise the second channel of Spain's state television monopoly. Questioned on this, Señor Guerra merely said: "That is not in our programme."

Inquiry on Kohl is dropped

From Our Correspondent
Bonn

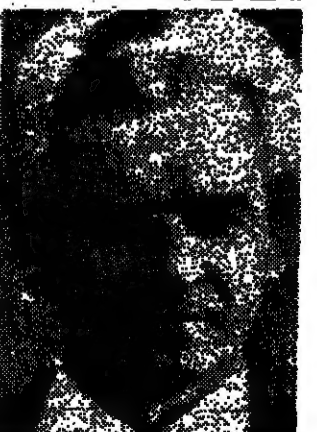
The Koblenz public prosecutor yesterday dropped an investigation into Chancellor Kohl over suspicions that he gave false testimony to a state parliamentary committee probing illegal donations to Christian Democratic funds.

Herr Otto Schily, a former Greens MP, had accused Herr Kohl of lying to the Rhineland-Palatinate state parliament committee last year when he denied knowledge of a front organization that laundered donations.

Herr Heribert Braun, senior public prosecutor, said the investigation, which began last February, had been dropped for lack of evidence.

The Chancellor is still under investigation by the Bonn public prosecutor on a second Schily charge that Herr Kohl gave false testimony to the Bundestag's "Flick affair" committee in 1984. Herr Kohl then denied all knowledge of two alleged payments to him by the Flick company totalling DM50,000 (£15,000).

Recent press reports have predicted that the Bonn investigation will also be dropped. However, the Bonn public prosecutor's office yesterday



Mr Yuri Dubinin, who has been named by the Soviet Union as its new Ambassador to the United States.

Strauss takes soundings in Albania

Vienna (Reuters) — Herr Franz-Josef Strauss, the West German right-wing politician, has visited Albania to discuss ways of developing links between the two countries.

The Albanian news agency ATA yesterday said Herr Strauss, Prime Minister of Bavaria and head of the Christian Social Union, met Mr Adil Carcani, Albanian Prime Minister, during a private visit to Tirana on Monday and Tuesday.

It said they exchanged opinions on "the development of the relations between the two

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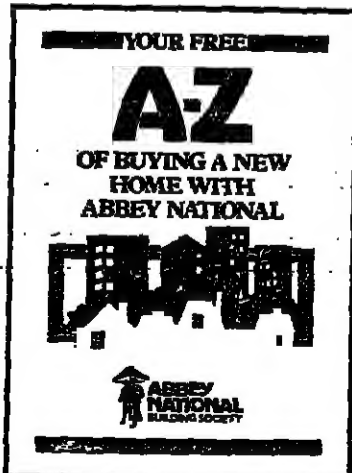
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Sea and air attack on northern town as Tamil crisis continues

From Vijitha Yapa, Colombo

While government helicopters and planes strafed and bombed the coastal town of Velvetihurai in Sri Lanka's Northern Province, Tamil separatist guerrillas blew up a cement plant in the east in another day of violence yesterday.

Reports from Jaffna, 22 miles from Velvetihurai, said the people of the town fled in fear as about 30 bombs were dropped at the same time as Navy ships shelled the area. The number of casualties was not known as communications were cut.

In Trincomalee, on the eastern coast, guerrillas blew up the Mitsun cement plant, a joint venture between Japan and Sri Lanka. The guerrillas rounded up the cement guards and placed bombs in the machinery, security sources said.

Meanwhile, in Colombo,

police have imposed a dusk-to-dawn curfew at Slave Island, only a mile from the centre of the city, where a brawl between soldiers and civilians led to seven deaths on Tuesday.

A soldier looking for a prostitute became involved in an argument with a couple and was stabbed, according to police. This led to more soldiers from the nearby army camp rushing to the area, which is dominated by Muslims, the country's second largest minority.

Two soldiers were among the seven dead, while four shops were set on fire. Traffic diversions led to large jams on major roads out of the city.

In another incident, four servicemen were killed at Perivayal in the Eastern Province when they were attacked early yesterday by Tamil guerrillas. Two others were seriously injured.

In Parliament on Tuesday the Minister of National Security, Mr Lalith Athulathudum, said that the Government was committed to a political solution to the Tamil problem.

He added, however: "We cannot have a settlement if the entire objective is to use the Government of Sri Lanka as a whipping boy."

Mr Athulathudum was reacting to a statement by the Indian Government which expressed "grave concern at the massive use of force" in Jaffna by the Sri Lanka Government.

He told Parliament the military action in Jaffna was in self-defence and criticized the Indian Government for not saying anything about the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, the strongest of the guerrilla groups, waging war on the Tamil Eelam Liberation Army. He said the Liberation Army had been prepared for a negotiated settlement.

Chilean troops snuff out protest march



Opposition demonstrators in Santiago, Chile, flee police tear-gas grenades after troops cleared the city centre without warning and fired shots in the air to disperse a protest march on Tuesday night (Reuters reports). A 19-year-old student, William Wood, was shot in the head, police sources said. Armoured cars were parked at key points, convoys of water cannon went into

Hijack jet flying home

Peking — The Taiwanese cargo jet diverted to China from its Taipei destination on May 3 took off for Canton yesterday (a Correspondent writes).

Under an agreement worked out in Hong Kong, the Boeing 747 China Airlines jet

Israeli bankers refuse to step down

From Ian Murray
Jerusalem

Three of the four chairmen of Israel's leading commercial banks, who were found guilty by a public commission of having caused a big share collapse in 1983, are trying to retain control of the country's banking system despite being told they should resign.

Mr Rafael Rocanati, of the Bank Discount, a private bank, has refused to resign. Mr Ernest Japhet, of Bank Leumi, has stepped down but is ready to be reappointed to oversee his bank's international relations. Mr Aharon Meir, of the United Mizrahi Bank, is likely to take over the economics department of the National Religious Party, which owns his bank, when he resigns.

Mr Giora Gazit, of the Bank Hapoalim, owned by the Labour movement, has already resigned.

Mr Moshe Mandelbaum, of the Bank of Israel, who was also asked to resign, has agreed to do so, but will be allowed to stay on until the end of the month in order to present the bank's annual report. He is lobbying support within the Government for a senior official appointment.

Meanwhile, the Liberal Party has criticized the commission, saying it did not find the cause of the share collapse.

Canberra-Jakarta links in ruins

Sydney — Australia's relations with Indonesia might never be the same because of a Sydney newspaper report alleging corrupt dealings by President Suharto's family.

Mr Chris Hurford, the Immigration and Ethnic Affairs

Minister, said yesterday on his return from Jakarta. He said Indonesia was unlikely to readmit Australian journalists for some time (Stephen Taylor writes).

Surveying the ruins of a policy cultivated assiduously

by the Hawke Government, he said better ties might emerge, based on pragmatism and specific issues, but added:

"I don't think we will get back to the relations we had before."

Rising toll of killings

Hindu flight from Punjab begins

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Every day in Punjab there are reports of two or three killings by armed terrorists. Yesterday the death of a shopkeeper was reported from Jullunder district. Another body was found in Amritsar with head wounds.

The day before, four deaths were reported, including a school master and an orderly who were shot in a random burst of midday firing in a village. The same day a bomb went off at the home of a prominent Hindu.

The day before that, a bomb injured an elderly lady as it bounced off a canopy, setting it on fire. Another man died and one was hurt in random firing at a village.

As the reports come in of a dozen or so deaths a week, Mr Surjit Singh Barnala, the Chief Minister of the disorder-stricken state, has been cleaning



Mr Surjit Singh: cleaning shoes at Sikh temples

the shoes of worshippers at different Sikh temples.

He has been ordered to do so by the high priests of the Golden Temple of Amritsar whose authority was restored by his action in sending armed paramilitary police into the shrine to clear out extremist bands who had seized control.

While Mr Surjit Singh thrives on his good deed, there are reports that Hindus are beginning — if they can — to leave the state to seek haven in Delhi or the Hindu-dominated Punjab state of Haryana.

Outwardly the countryside appears normal, with fat loads of grain rumbling to market and the state again earning its fame as the breadbasket of India. But the richest, most indulged and most paranoid peasantry in the country, who are mainly Sikhs, continue to believe that they are victims of Hindu oppression.

Meanwhile, the Hindus, mainly traders and small industrialists, are looking for new sites for their workshops. The big men are setting up second bases as far afield as Bombay or Calcutta. Visitors to the state are given a commentary on the violence: "This is where so-and-so was shot... here so-and-so died."

The Chief Minister is accused of having humiliated himself by accepting punishment. The distinguished editor of *The Times of India* declares that he has delivered himself bound hand and foot to extra-constitutional authority and his survival in office will henceforward be "a nominal affair".

Mr Girilal Jain, the editor, says that the country is worse off than before the accord that brought elections and a Sikh Government to the state.

"Then we could pin our hopes on the moderates," he said, adding darkly: "Now the moderate Akalis have been played out."

Members of Mr Rajiv Gandhi's Congress (I) Party in Punjab have asked the central Government to step in to put an end to the Hindu exodus, going to far as to suggest the Army might again be deployed to help.

But the Chief Minister has also been praised for his submission to the high priests' punishment. Although he was entirely justified in ordering the paramilitary into the temple, he has accepted the need for atonement to assuage the feelings of the Sikhs thinking themselves and their religion again under attack.

He is also undercutting the gang of dissident Akali politicians who left his Government or their party posts in protest against the police invasion of the temple.

At one time the plotting of eminent Sikhs looked distinctly threatening to Mr Surjit Singh. Now the goodness and sweetness of disposition which radiates from the photographs of him cleaning shoes is doing him much good.

It seems likely then that the Chief Minister will re-establish his authority during the next few weeks. He will be helped in his task of fighting the terrorists by closer relations with the central Government, which has given charge of the Home Ministry to another Sikh, Mr Buta Singh.

Radio tycoon proves he is an Australian

Sydney (Reuters) — South African-born businessman, Mr Robert Holmes à Court, whose radio and television licences were threatened by questions over his citizenship, said yesterday he was a naturalized Australian.

Mr Holmes à Court, who is battling to take over Australia's largest company, Broken Hill Proprietary, told broadcasting authorities he was naturalized on May 12.

The Australian Broadcasting Tribunal said late last month it might not be able to renew his licences unless he could show he was an Australian citizen.

Therubunal chairwoman, Deirdre O'Connor, said it was clear that citizenship was no longer a question preventing the renewal of his Western

Tests suggest Sindona killed himself

Milan (Reuters) — Forensic tests carried out after the death by poisoning of Michele Sindona reinforce the theory that he committed suicide and was not murdered.

Judicial sources yesterday said traces of cyanide were found in a coffee cup and on the bathroom floor of the banker's cell in the maximum-security prison at Voghera. None, however, were found in the vacuum flask that contained the prison coffee.

Sindona shouted "They have poisoned me" before collapsing on March 20. He died two days later.

Judicial sources said the tests indicated Sindona, aged 63, who was serving a life sentence for ordering a murder, put the cyanide in the coffee when he was out of sight

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Waldheim calls for toleration and deplores the Holocaust

Vienna (AP) — Dr Kurt Waldheim, the Austrian presidential candidate accused of hiding past links with the Nazis, spoke out yesterday against anti-Semitism and deplored the wartime sufferings of Jews.

For the first time in a campaign speech, the former UN Secretary-General discussed in detail the achievements of Austrian Jews and their suffering in the Holocaust.

Dr Waldheim, who won 49.64 per cent in the first election round on May 4, has denied allegations of involvement in Nazi atrocities. He faces a run-off on June 8.

"All the world can see what Austria has made of its suffering after 1945," he said in the address to an invited audience. "A great work of reconstruction in the spirit of tolerance and reconciliation."

Dr Waldheim called for the co-operation of all "positive forces... also co-operation of all minorities, which make up and enrich the cultural variety of our country."

"I now expressly state: also the Jewish minority, which has become so small but important, which we would not want to miss by any means in our community. Their fore-

bears have left indelible traces on the spiritual history of our country."

He added: "Untold suffering came through the Nazis, above all for the Jews in the whole of Europe and also for our Jewish citizens in Austria. 'When I condemn so decidedly what happened under the Nazis,' said Dr Waldheim, 'it is for exactly the same reason that I reject the defamations made against myself and against our country during recent months, with the same determination with which I call on my fellow-citizens not to generalize in this rejection and, above all, not to tolerate any new anti-Semitism in our country.'"

Dr Waldheim said the lessons to be drawn from history are tolerance and understanding.

"We would be bad politicians and bad patriots if we did not want to learn from history and to repeat it," he said.

"But to overcome the past must not mean fleeing into the past. We will not acquire the guarantee that there will be no second Auschwitz by inciting hatred and irreconcilability, but by pledging to 'forgive but not forget' in a spirit of tolerance and reconciliation."

Nazi-hunter in Vienna

Vienna (Reuters) — Frau Beate Klarsfeld, the German-born Nazi-hunter, flew to Austria yesterday to campaign against Dr Kurt Waldheim, the presidential candidate and former United Nations Secretary-General.

"It would be a tragedy to have a man like Waldheim as

President of Austria," she said. She hoped to "change the votes of as many people as possible" in the presidential election run-off on June 8.

She said she was looking into the possibility that the then Lieutenant Waldheim acted as a go-between with the Italians.



Actor Sean Connery and Jack Nicklaus wait for their turn to tee off in the 11th Memorial Tournament at Dublin, Ohio.

Balaguer increases poll lead

Santo Domingo (Reuters) — Opposition candidate Joaquin Balaguer has increased his lead over Jacobo Majluta of the ruling Dominican Revolutionary Party from nearly 35,000 votes to 41,921 in the Dominican Republic's presidential election.

The counting of votes from Friday's poll resumed yesterday after a two-day hold-up caused by legal squabbles.

Señor Balaguer, a 78-year-old blind poet representing the reformist Social Christian Party, established an almost insurmountable lead over Señor Majluta with only 235 polling centres to be counted.

Señor Balaguer polled 837,231 votes and Señor Majluta 794,727. The Dominican Liberation Party led by Juan Bosch, a 76-year-old Marxist, has 367,876 votes.

Oil victims seek new magistrate

From Harry Delbelius Madrid

Spaniards affected by a deadly toxic syndrome have asked a Madrid court to name a special judge to investigate the responsibility of administration officials, rather than leave it with a magistrate who has been disciplined for involvement in a Mafia scandal.

A lawyer representing about 2,500 of the tens of thousands of people affected by the illness, blamed on tainted cooking oil, said a caretaker-administrator for the company which distributed the oil had "fled to America."

Their petition also pointed out that a judge had ordered an investigation into the penalties of holding in extra Diet session, which would permit him to dissolve both houses for elections.

The LDP's secretary-general, Mr Shin Kanemaru, meanwhile began trying to get a consensus for the elections within the party by calling in the head of one of its smaller factions, Mr Toshio Komoto, who left the meeting apparently still against the idea.

Mr Kanemaru is to continue consensus-building, but he has an uphill struggle. The attractions of a big success for the ruling party will loom large and one bargain which might attract those against another term for Mr Nakasone as party leader and Prime Minister might be a guarantee that he would not seek to stay beyond the end of his current term in October, even if the LDP wins the election.

Nakasone edges towards elections

From David Watts, Tokyo

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Medical charge not bad for duplicity

Regina v General Medical Council, Ex parte Gee Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Lloyd and Lord Justice Nicholls [Judgment given May 19]

A charge of serious professional misconduct, referred to the professional conduct committee of the General Medical Council, and which related to the treatment of eight individual patients constituted a single charge of a course of conduct and was not bad for duplicity.

The Court of Appeal so held by a majority when allowing an appeal by the General Medical Council from the order of Mr Justice Mann (The Times November 5 1985; [1986] 1 WLR 226) granting the applicant, Dr Sidney Gee, judicial review of, *inter alia*, the GMC's refusal to amend a charge of serious professional misconduct against the applicant.

The charge alleged that the applicant had abused his professional position as a medical practitioner by supplying individual patients with quantities of drugs over extensive periods without (a) adequately examining patients, (b) consulting or notifying the patients' general practitioners, (c) making adequate inquiries about the effect of the treatment on the patients' health, (d) offering advice on harmful effects of the drugs, and (e) referring to the facts alleged he had been guilty of serious professional misconduct.

Particulars supplied identified initially four and subsequently a further four, patients.

Mr Vivian Robinson, QC and Mr Timothy Straker for the GMC; Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Charles Flint for the applicant.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that the main question on

the appeal was whether the disciplinary proceedings against the applicant could proceed on the charge as at present formulated or whether that charge was bad for duplicity.

The main reason a duplicious charge was not allowed in a criminal case was that the jury could, in general, only give a simple verdict of guilty or not guilty on each charge in the indictment.

Consequently, if a charge in truth embraced several charges, had no means of knowing on which charges the jury had really convicted.

All that, however, had no application to a disciplinary hearing before the professional conduct committee. The members of the committee who made the findings of fact were the same persons as would pass sentence if they had found serious professional misconduct proved.

In the context of the General Medical Council Preliminary Proceedings Committee and Professional Conduct Committee (Procedure) Rules (SI 1980 No 858) the chairman's duty must cover announcing the determination of the committee, in respect of each outstanding charge, as to which if any of the facts alleged in the charge had been proved.

Even if, therefore, the charge was technically duplicious, the practitioner would be told which parts of the charge, or which charges within the charge, had been found proved.

The charge against the applicant, as at present formulated, was in a comprehensive form, embracing allegations in respect of eight patients in a single charge.

The choice was between that single charge of a course of conduct in the respects set out in the sub-heads in the charge and eight separate charges, one in

respect of each patient, as specimens from which a course of conduct in the respects set out in the sub-heads was to be inferred.

His Lordship could not see that the difference between those alternatives would have any meaning to a tribunal such as the professional conduct committee which was composed of doctors and not lawyers, and whichever alternative was adopted would make no difference at all to the course and scope of the hearing.

His Lordship could see no reason why the GMC should not be entitled to lay a charge of a course of conduct. The form of the charge, read with the particulars given and ordered to be given, was neither confusing nor unfair.

It followed that the judge was not justified in ruling that the charge as formulated was bad for duplicity.

If the charge stood as formulated it was not necessary for there to be any further reference to the preliminary proceedings committee. The case was the same case of a course of conduct, and the addition of four further patients by way of additional particulars made no difference.

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD, dissenting, said that, accepting that the procedure on inquiries into professional misconduct by the GMC was not exactly analogous to procedure on indictment and that the rule against duplicity could not be exactly applied, the reasons underlying the rule were the same for both cases.

Those reasons were that to charge what were essentially two separate offences in the same count was both confusing and unfair. The rule against duplicity was not a legal technicality, and, in his Lordship's judgment, it was applicable to proceedings before the professional conduct committee.

In the present case, where the eight patients were all particularized and where some of the allegations related to some patients and not others, his Lordship was in no doubt that the misconduct alleged in relation to each of the patients should have been the subject of a separate charge.

LORD JUSTICE NICHOLLS said that he approached the question of what factual allegations might properly be included in a single charge of serious professional misconduct on the premise which his Lordship accepted, that, as a rule of elementary fairness, the rule of the criminal law that a charge should not be duplicious should apply by analogy.

The GMC submitted that properly construed the charge laid was one alleging a course of conduct. If the misconduct alleged was a practice said to have been followed by the practitioner in the conduct of his professional work, his Lordship did not see why the charge should not be so formulated, as a single charge, even though a properly particularized statement might involve identifying several different patients and several different occasions.

It had to be said that the present charge was not happily drafted. The use of the word "individuals" was inappropriate to a course of conduct allegation.

In the end, however, the charge could fairly be read as alleging a course of conduct adopted by the applicant in the conduct of his practice. The court would not be justified in requiring the present charge to be abandoned and in place eight separate charges formulated.

Solicitors: Waterhouse & Co; Bescheroff.

Doctors' restrictive covenant is valid

Kerr and Others v Morris Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Lloyd and Lord Justice Nicholls [Judgment given May 15]

A covenant in a partnership agreement between doctors practising in the National Health Service which restricted an outgoing partner from practising within a two-mile radius of the partnership premises for two years was not invalid or void as being contrary to public policy.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by the plaintiffs, Dr Aubrey Kerr, Dr William Morris and Dr Graham Parker, from the refusal of Mr Justice Finkelstein on February 13, 1986, to grant them an interlocutory injunction restraining the defendant, Dr Anthony Morris, from carrying on the profession of general medicine, practitioners within a radius of two miles from Ladysmith Avenue, Brighton, Essex.

Mr Francis Ferris, QC and Mr Frank Hicks for the plaintiffs; Mr Ian Crawford for the defendant.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that the appeal concerned a dispute between NHS general medical practitioners who were formerly in practice together at 7 Ladysmith Avenue, Brighton.

The parties entered into a partnership agreement in March 1984, and clause 34 of that agreement, which the plaintiffs were now seeking to enforce, provided that no former partner should for two years following his retirement or expulsion from the partnership carry on the profession of general medical practitioner within two miles of the partnership premises.

In the latter part of 1984 difficulties arose between the

defendant and the other three partners, and, following a meeting in January 1985, on February 14, 1985, the defendant was served with a notice under clause 32(1) of the partnership agreement requiring him to retire from the partnership in 12 months "for the reason that we consider that the trust necessary between partners has been broken by you."

In November 1985 the defendant purchased 1 Ladysmith Avenue, and made it plain that he wanted to practise from there without waiting two years to do so.

The judge refused the plaintiffs' interlocutory relief on the basis that he should follow *Hensman v Trill* (The Times October 22, 1980).

There, Mr Justice Bristow held that it was not possible to regard a partnership restriction which might lead to a doctor being prevented by law from giving patients the care which he is obliged under the National Health Service to give them as other than contrary to the basic concept of the National Health Service and so contrary to public policy and unenforceable.

The scheme of the health service in respect of general medical services was that each doctor had his own list of patients. The sale of goodwill in a medical practice was prohibited.

Within limitations a patient had a right to the doctor of his choice. Under the scheme a doctor was obliged to provide medical treatment to patients on his list.

But the scheme recognized the existence of partnerships and it was provided that doctors in a partnership might treat each other's patients.

An inevitable consequence of having a partnership agreement

was that capitation fees were partnership assets.

A doctor could give notice at any time to withdraw his name from the medical list. It followed that a doctor was free to go at any time from the area. The patients had no right to require him to stay in order to continue to treat them.

Therefore, there could be no objection on the ground of public policy to a doctor resigning from a partnership thereafter being under a reasonable restriction as between himself and his former partners in the terms of clause 34.

It was submitted that the restraint covenant was only valid in so far as it protected a legitimate interest of the continuing partners, that the interest being protected was an interest in the goodwill of the business and that as the sale of goodwill was now illegal the whole foundation for holding the restraint enforceable fell away.

Whether a partnership was in existence when the National Health Service came in or was created later, goodwill in the sense of the tendency of patients whose partners had treated to resort to the practice for further treatment had to remain one of the most valuable, albeit not saleable, assets on which the livelihood of the partners depended.

A further point taken was that the entering into various covenants in the partnership deed was valuable consideration such that there was a deemed sale of goodwill under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 10 to the National Health Service Act 1977.

The court was only concerned with the restraint covenant and the answer to that was to be found in paragraph 2(4) and (5). Sub-paragraph (4) seemed to be

plainly directed to a covenant for restraint of trade and by sub-paragraph (5), sub-paragraph (4) did not apply to anything done in pursuance of a partnership agreement.

What was covered by sub-paragraph (4) could not be illegal under paragraph 2(2). Accordingly, the point that there had been a sale of the goodwill failed. In *Hensman v Trill* Mr Justice Bristow had held that equivalent provisions rendered the restriction sought to be imposed in that case unenforceable. His Lordship would overrule *Hensman v Trill* on both points.

The defendant's final point was that a notice of expulsion could only be given for reasonable cause and after giving the partner concerned a hearing. Clause 32(2) provided that any notice under the clause "shall specify the reason for which it is given." *Prima facie* it might be said with some force that if partners were giving 12 months' notice they had to specify a reason and that, therefore, they had to have a reason. They did in fact specify a reason and it had to be taken that they honestly believed it since their good faith had not been questioned. The question at trial might come to whether they were justified in their belief.

It seemed, therefore, that the question in the appeal was one of the balance of convenience. The matter was very finely balanced but lay in favour of granting an injunction providing the plaintiffs undertook not to apply for permission to bring a fourth partner into the practice before trial.

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD and LORD JUSTICE NICHOLLS delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Ellison & Co, Colchester; Hempsons.

Parish trustees' power to protect property

Taylor v Masfield and Another Before Lord Justice May and Sir Denis Buckley [Judgment given May 20]

The parish trustees of a parish which did not have a parish council could take steps, including commencing and maintaining proceedings to protect parish property without express authorization from the parish meeting.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment, dismissing an appeal by the defendants, Mr John Masfield and Mrs Blanda Masfield, from an order of Judge King at Weymouth County Court who on September 2, 1985, had granted the plaintiff, Mr Michael Benjamin Taylor, one of the Askerswell Parish Trustees, a declaration that certain land belonged to the Parish of Askerswell and not to the defendants.

Section 13(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 provides: "The parish trustees of a parish (not having a separate parish council) shall act in accordance with any directions given by the parish meeting."

Mr H. Jonathan Barnes for the defendants; Mr William Coley for the plaintiff.

SIR DENYS BUCKLEY said that the defendants would not be permitted now to take the point that the proper plaintiff was the Askerswell Parish Trustees, rather than Mr Taylor, since if that point had been taken below it could have been cured by amendment.

The defendants had argued that section 13(4) of the 1972 Act empowered the parish trustees to act only in accordance with directions of the parish meeting; they were a statutory corporation (created by section 13(3)) and their powers could therefore be derived only from statute, and on a true construction of the 1972 Act they were constituted to serve as the repository of the title to parish property and to execute any necessary deeds or instruments of transfer.

In his Lordship's judgment, section 13(4) left parish trustees

their trust which did not conflict with any direction by the parish meeting.

That construction more accurately reflected the precise language used in section 13(4), and there was nothing in the other provisions of the Act relating to the constitution, functions and proceedings of parish meetings and parish trustees which suggested that the defendants' construction should be preferred.

Moreover, that was the more beneficial construction of the subsection. It might be disadvantageous if parish trustees could not initiate action for the protection of parish property vested in them without first seeking and obtaining a formal direction from the parish meeting.

Had the predecessor of section 13(4), section 47(4) of the Local Government Act 1953, been re-enacted in respect of parish trustees, requiring them to act "in all respects" in the manner directed by the parish meeting, the defendants' construction would have been more plausible.

The absence of such words in section 13(4) supported the view that Parliament's intention had been to avoid the possibility of it being thought that section 13(4) did more than require the parish trustees to carry out all directions of the parish meeting.

Accordingly the plaintiff did not lack authority to bring the proceedings. Since the evidence before the judge had been fully sufficient to justify his finding, the appeal should be dismissed.

LORD JUSTICE MAY agreed.

Solicitors: Humphries Kirk & Miller, Wareham; Clarke, Willmott & Clarke, Yeovil.

Corrections

In *Ashton and Others v Sobelman* (The Times May 20) counsel for Ashton was Mr David Burton not Mr Jonathan Henry.

In *R v Governor of Pentonville Prison and Another, Ex parte Herbage* (The Times May 21), counsel for the applicant were

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KENNETH CLARKE

Kenneth Clarke, the affable young Paymaster General from the Midlands with an unrepentant belief in the politics of moderation, remains one of the key ministers in the Government's latterday conversion to the need to present a more caring image to the electorate.

Clarke's whole persona and pedigree is tailored to meet the demands of a more "humane" government. His role in Cabinet, responsible with Lord Young for employment policy, is now being given even greater importance with this week's announcements of further redundancies in manufacturing industry.

With the wind of change to adapt a Macmillanite phrase, blowing through the Conservative Party, employment — together with education (central to yesterday's reshuffle) and health — is one of three government departments having to withstand the buffeting.

Clarke's brand of Toryism has always been firmly embedded in the party's mainstream, even though in his early student days there may have been a period, now long forgotten, of uncertainty as to where his political tip-root may lie. When he arrived at Cambridge University from Nottingham High School, his undeniable political ambitions were generalized that he was for a while a member of both the Bow Group and the Gaitskillie Campaign for Social Democracy.

It was a period which did not last long. By the time he left Cambridge — where he was President of the Union — he was a zealous disciple of the Heath European ideal as well as a devotee of the "middle way" approach of Harold Macmillan. His political youth were cut at National Chalmers of the Federation of Conservative Students, a body whose political leanings were in the opposite direction from what they are today.

Clarke shares with Mrs Thatcher a voracious appetite for work and his father, like Mrs Thatcher's, was a shopkeeper, though as a jeweller and watchmaker, not as a grocer. There the similarities end.

Unless, of course, some of his colleagues remember the survey of MPs conducted by *The Times* two years ago, when Clarke, as a junior transport minister, was shown to be the long-distance runner to succeed the Prime Minister. Though much has happened since then — the poll, while flattering, was a political embarrassment. Clarke's star has continued to burn brightly, untarnished by his party's vicissitudes in the intervening years.

Quietly and moderately (in fact which was judged to have hampered his progress in the early days of Mrs Thatcher's premiership), this does not mean he is either politically or administratively soft.

While remaining one of the most likeable of politicians, his ministerial experience has shown he has the toughness, as well as the ability, to survive. Sometimes it has meant setting his face against former backbench colleagues and friends when policy and political direction come under scrutiny.

When arguments over employment and public expenditure loomed large last year, Clarke, as the new Paymaster General sharing responsibility for employment, did not — even privately — join those demanding more spending on new projects. Instead, he told the Tory Reform Group that infrastructure projects relied more on machines than men. He once accused the Commons select committee on employment — six Tory and five Labour MPs, who had produced a jobs package costing £3.5 billion to create work for the unemployed — of "dodging the difficult choices".

But Clarke's inherent affability has not taken a casualty to his



Kenneth Clarke: he admits to being a liberal with a small 'l' but objects to being called a liberal wet

growing toughness. His casualness of dress — he and his Hush Puppies seem inseparable — his easy-going manner, approachability, and debating talents have ensured him a genuine popularity in both Westminster and Whitehall. While some of his colleagues in the same 1970 Commons "intake" may allude, perhaps out of envy, to changes in his political beliefs and attitudes, it is a charge he can rebut.

When the question of his

"wetness" was put to him some years ago, he deplored what was then becoming a fashionable term of abuse because it was given such a narrow and precise definition. "I may be a liberal with a small 'l', but I do object to being called a liberal wet", he said.

There was no barbs in his objections, only an inner confidence as to where he stood within the political spectrum. When, later, he was Minister of Health, he was as prepared to handle

criticism for attacking the excessive profits of drug companies as he was from the unions by forcing through the privatization of hospital ancillary services.

Clarke is not always at ease with the Government's policies, but the pragmatist and lawyer within him — he practised on the Midland circuit for 16 years, often on workmen's compensation cases — understands the necessary art of compromise. He has conducted his political career with "safe

BIOGRAPHY

1940: Born July 2 in Nottingham. Education: Nottingham High School; Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge (BA, LLB).
1963: Called to the Bar, Gray's Inn.
1964: Practising on the Midland Circuit.
1964: Married, Gillian Mary Edwards; son and daughter.
1970: Elected Conservative MP for Rushcliffe, Notts.
1971: Parliamentary private secretary to the Solicitor-General.

1972: Assistant Government Whip.
1973: Member of the Parliamentary delegation to the Council of Europe and Western European Union.
1974: Government Whip for Europe, 1974-75.
1975: Parliamentary Secretary, Department of Transport, later Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Transport.
1982: Minister of State for Health.
1985: Paymaster General.
1986: Minister of State for Employment.

hands", which does not mean he avoids controversy. His Westminster career has been one of caution, although he has never concealed his ambition. "The House of Commons", he once remarked, "is full of ambitious people and I am as ambitious as any. But setting oneself long-term goals doesn't work in politics".

It is his unflinching dedication and capacity for work — sustained by an enviable constitution, which has got him, at the age of 46, where he is now. They are qualities that were evident when he was a back-bencher and a Whip and later a junior opposition spokesman.

A colleague related with astonishment how Clarke, after a heavy parliamentary evening, could spend an hour or two at Ronnie Scott's jazz club, work on legal briefs on the last train to Birmingham, spend the next day in court and be back in the House by 6 pm — still cheerful and relaxed.

There is little opportunity these days for jazz (he's a fanatic) but he can still relax watching his favourite football team, Nottingham Forest, or enjoy his Sunday lunchtime pint at a local Birmingham club, where he plays snooker with his wife, state-educated like Clarke's daughter. While Clarke has never tied himself wholly with any ideological camp, neither has he allowed his departmental duties to obscure what is happening in the outside political world. It was this desire to keep in touch that led him to form a discreet dining club of like-minded junior ministers when he first entered the Government.

In the early days his so-called "Amesbury group" — named after

the street on which he lives in south Birmingham — was restricted to those below Cabinet rank. Those days have gone, though the dining group still exists. Five of its original members — Douglas Hurd, Malcolm Rifkind, Tom King, John MacGregor and Clarke — are in the Cabinet and promotion has outgrown principle. It was never a group that plotted, but one that saw a common identity in a down-to-earth social policy. It is a belief that Clarke has always held, and one he furthered at the Department of Health and Social Security, where he worked with Norman Fowler, a friend since Cambridge University Conservative Association days.

It was Fowler who persuaded the Prime Minister — dubious about promoting such an unexpected moderate — to elevate him to Health Minister and thus give him the opportunity to prove not only his administrative ability but also his skillful handling of the controversial issues that bedevilled the department.

Clarke has never deserted the "middle way" — or his accent — and one of his earliest political friends remains fellow jazz fanatics Jim Lester, MP for Bromley.

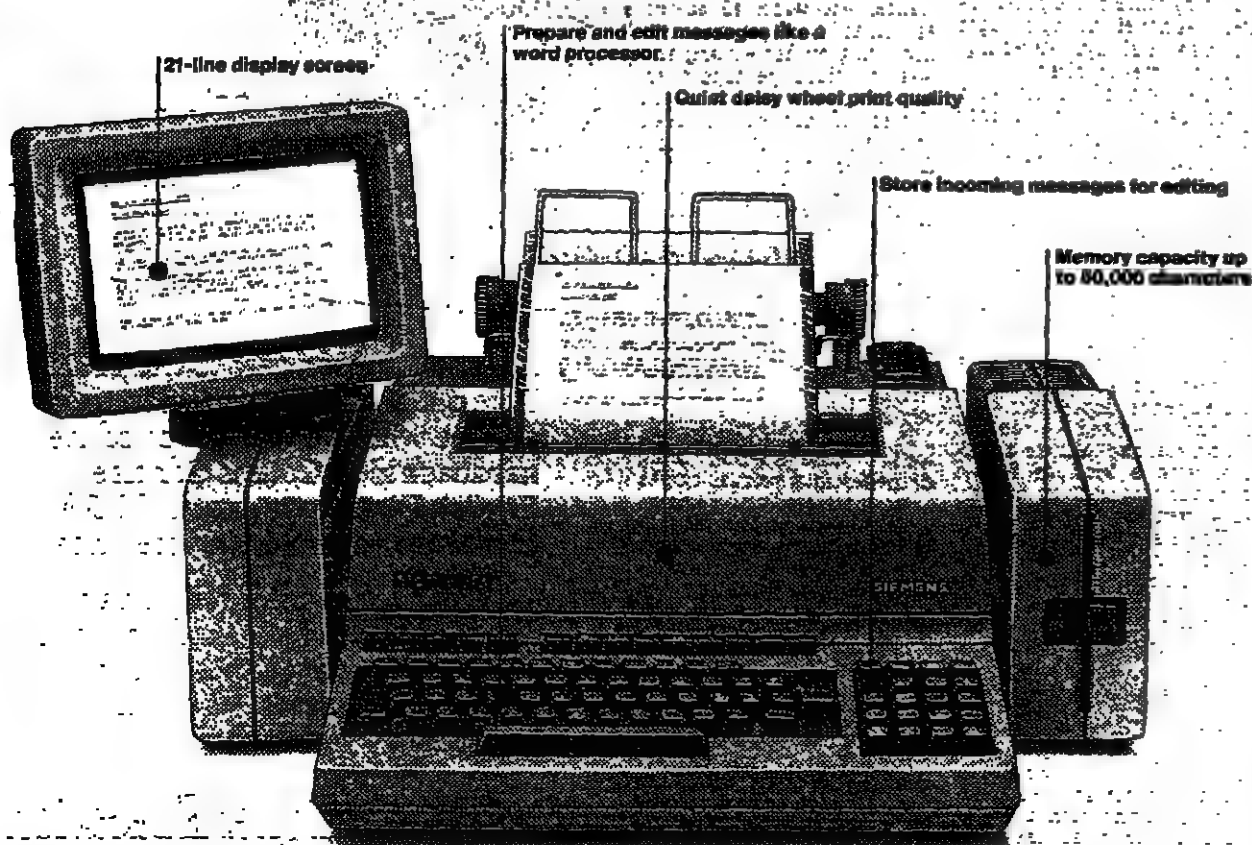
Next month, Clarke, whose early common sense has proved some colleagues to suggest, they could have a Boris in their midst, returns to Nottingham High School, which he attended on an 11-plus state scholarship, to celebrate the retirement of his former history teacher, David Peters, the man who was not only instrumental in directing him towards Cambridge, but took him, as a Midland schoolboy, on his first ever visit to the House of Commons.

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Drawing the line at cocaine

The use of drugs poses a growing threat to sport.

Tennis is using tough measures to fight it, writes Thomson Prentice

A trace of white powder at the French Open tennis tournament in Paris next week could end the careers of any one of the world's top men players.

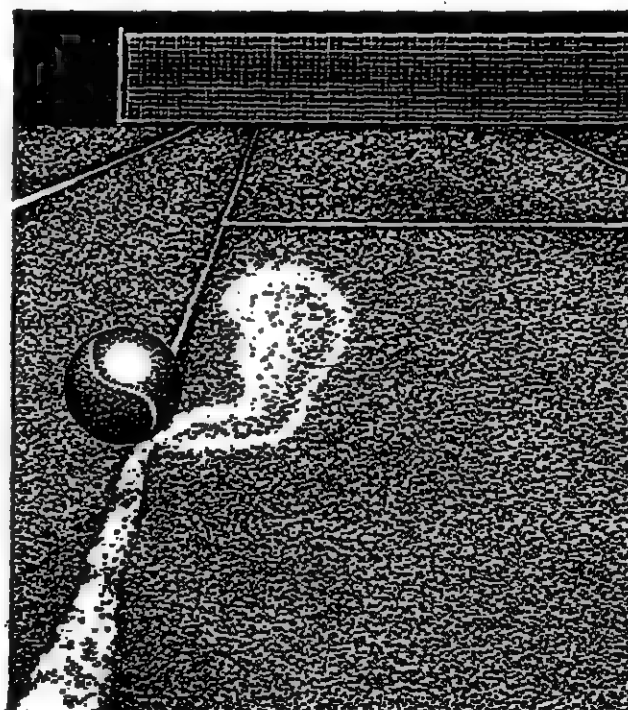
The powder is cocaine, not chalk. The start of the tournament at the Stade Roland Garros on Monday will coincide with a tough new attitude towards drug abuse in the sport. Tests for cocaine, heroin and amphetamines are likely to be introduced in the men's competition, the first international tennis tournament to be thus monitored. When the covers are drawn back at Wimbledon at the end of next month, there is a strong possibility that tests will be introduced there, too.

Few of tennis's experienced insiders believe there is widespread use of cocaine, even among the game's richest, most hedonistic celebrities. But some can argue convincingly that tennis enjoys special protection from the same corruption that has infiltrated a growing number of other sports.

"There is a strong feeling on the circuit that a few players have been involved in 'so-called recreational drugs', says Dr Robert Leach, head physician to the United States Olympic teams of 1980 and 1984. "But the strong feeling is that most of tennis is clean".

The Men's International Professional Tennis Council decided last year to introduce tests at two of this year's tournaments. None have yet been carried out, and only three tournaments remain — the French Open, Wimbledon, and the US Open. The tests involve laboratory analysis of urine tests, which can detect the presence of the drug up to 24 hours after use.

Cocaine may usually be thought of as a recreational drug, more likely to be found at exclusive parties than in athletes' locker rooms. But its properties could also have an effect on competitive performance. "There is no question that it improves alertness", says Dr David Cowan, associate director of the Chelsea drug control centre at London University. "It can sustain



might help a player through the pain barrier". He stresses that cocaine is "a very dangerous drug — the body quickly becomes dependent".

The London University unit is funded by the Sports Council. If there are to be tests on Wimbledon players, the unit will conduct them. Whether used to improve sport performance or provide dubious pleasure, cocaine has been the frequent resort of American athletes, to such a degree in baseball, for example, that Peter Ueberroth, the game's commissioner, described it last year as "the number one problem facing the sport".

Random tests will be carried out during the World Cup finals

Baseball players from almost all of the major league teams in the United States have been named as "users" in criminal trials. At least 30 players, from teams such as the celebrated New York Mets, Yankees, and Cincinnati Reds, were identified in one court case in Pittsburgh last year.

Foul Play, a recently published book, authors Dr Tom Donohoe and Neil Johnson quote an estimate that as many as 40 per cent of American professional footballers regularly use the drug, and voice the suspicion that ice-hockey players also indulge.

Professor Arnold Beckett, director of the Chelsea

man expert on drug abuse in sport, who carried out tests at the 1982 World Cup in Spain, believes there is little about "But the testing methods used in Mexico should detect cocaine if players are using it", he says.

Tests will also be carried out at the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh in July and August. And the Sports Council has launched an anti-drug campaign, allocating £250,000 for tests on a wide range of athletes and players.

The Lawn Tennis Association has accepted a recommendation that tests should be introduced. Professor Beckett, also chairman of the International Tennis Federation's medical commission, has said: "There does not appear to be a serious drugs problem in tennis, but with it becoming an Olympic sport in 1988, where testing will be mandatory, we have to consider what to do in the interim. We may need to test for cocaine, marijuana, amphetamines and even anabolic steroids".

Whether the tests are carried out in Paris, Wimbledon, or New York, the penalty for any player found guilty of the use, possession or distribution of cocaine, heroin or amphetamines is likely to be the same: immediate suspension from the competition and permanent disqualification. At this stage, though, tennis officials are reluctant to close the precise plans. "We want to exploit the element of surprise", one source close to Wimbledon said.

Foul Play is published by Basil Blackwell (£12.50)

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BOOKS

Apollo's Hansard, the politic art

Peter Ackroyd reviews a book that shows how politics gets into everything, even the songs of the poets

THE FABER BOOK OF
POLITICAL VERSE
Edited by Tom Paulin
Faber, £17.50

"political" only in the vaguest sense. Perhaps as a protest against blood-

But Paulin does have a theoretical perspective to lend a certain coherence to this heterogeneous selection, and in his introduction he distinguishes between a broadly "conservative" or "monarchical" tradition and a "puritan" or "republican" one — thus Dryden and Milton, Jonson and Blake, Eliot and Lawrence, can be seen as resisting

each other in endless battle rather than resting together in the quiescence of a putative "great tradition". As a theory it has the merit of simplicity, but unfortunately it avoids what might be described as the problem of belief, aptly summarized in the expression that the truest poetry is the most feigning.

The problem is best stated by the poets themselves. It was Thomas Chatterton who once said that he held in contempt any man who could not write on both sides of a controversy — a fluency emphasized by the American poet, Karl Shapiro, who maintained that he wrote as a Christian on one day and as a Jew on the next. It is in this context, of course, that "politics" is best seen as

an extension of aesthetics — since the overriding aim of the poet is to create significant form, he or she will entertain almost any belief in order to reach that happy state. Eliot was not really a "monarchist", despite the enormous cultural weight he is forced to carry in Paulin's introduction as an emblem of conservative pessimism. He was not really a monarchist because he was never really anything. In any case, if the history of modernism teaches us anything it is that the greatest "conservatives" are also the greatest poetic revolutionaries. What is the politics of that situation?

But if Paulin's theory has the virtue of simplicity it also has the further merit, for an anthology, of wide applicability. This book begins with Dante and ends with Michael Holub, including *Ecclesiastes* and "Please to remember the Fifth of November" en route. In fact the choice is eclectic to the point of oddness. There are 36 pages of Marvell, for example, and only two pages of Shelley; and, if there was room for 27 pages of Dryden's *Abraham and Achitophel* (readily available elsewhere), surely a small

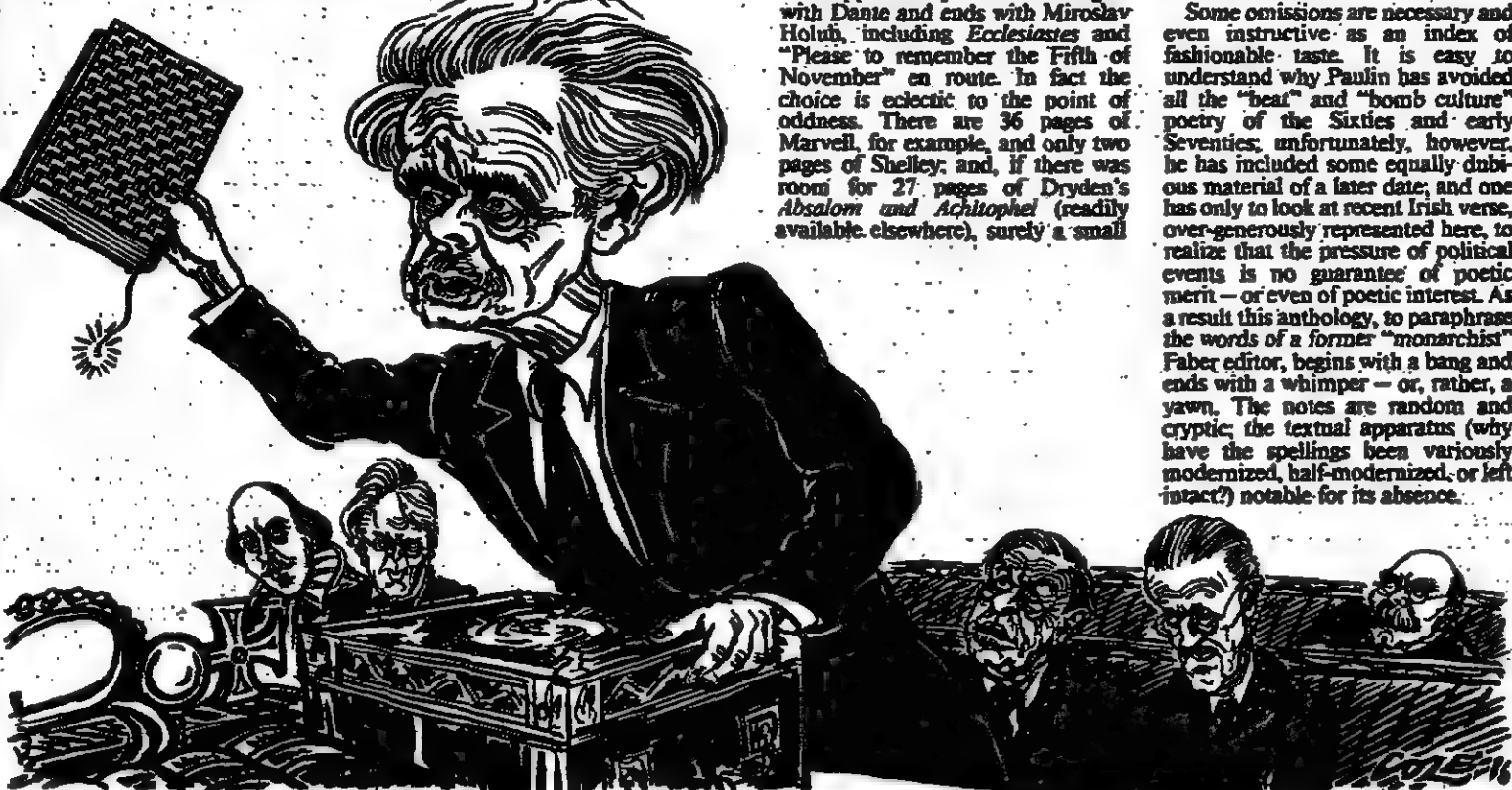
space could have been found for Rochester's famous
God bless our good and gracious King.

Whose promise name relies on;

It is easy to play the game of omissions, but it is a necessary task with an anthology that at least aspires to being authoritative. Why, for example, is Thomas Hood omitted? His "The Song of the Shirt" was arguably the most important, political verse of the last century; Elizabeth Barrett Browning's "The Cry of the Children" might share the palm with it but she, too, is not to be found here. Nor is Crabbe.

But surely the most significant absence is that of Ezra Pound? There is not one word by or about him here, although he is without doubt the most important political poet of the Twentieth Century.

Some omissions are necessary and even instructive as an index of fashionable taste. It is easy to understand why Paulin has avoided all the "beat" and "bomb culture" poetry of the Sixties and early Seventies; unfortunately, however, he has included some equally dubious material of a later date; and one has only to look at recent Irish verse, over-generously represented here, to realize that the pressure of political events is no guarantee of poetic merit — or even of poetic interest. As a result this anthology, to paraphrase the words of a former "monarchist" Faber editor, begins with a bang and ends with a whimper — or, rather, a yawn. The notes are random and cryptic; the textual apparatus (why have the spellings been variously modernized, half-modernized, or left intact?) notable for its absence.



W. Shakespeare, W.B. Yeats, Hugh MacDiarmid, W.H. Auden, James Joyce, Rudyard Kipling

Comic cults of whimsy brave

FICTION

Philip Howard

ADVENTURES OF

WIM

By Luke Rhinhart

THE PALE SERGEANT

By James Merray

Chano & Wines, £9.95

THE SEVEN AGES

By Eva Figue

Hamish Hamilton, £9.95

COD SLEUTH

By Bamber Gascoigne

Cape, £8.95

This is the week for whimsy and artifice in the novels. The most unusual suggests its territory in its title. It is a sort of successor to *The Dice Man*, one of the cult novels of the Seventies, and it is anarchic, hip, subversive, and comic. It tells the life and gospel of Wim, a Montauk Indian born on Long Island, and his quest for U.I. (Ultimate Truth). Montauk Indians were declared extinct around 1900, because they opted out of the White Man's values, and cultivated the art of invisibility. Wim is strange as an individual as well as an Indian, having been fathered simultaneously by all the Gods of the Universe.

The story is adventurous linguistically and structurally, coining words as enthusiastically as Wim has accidents, and being a patchwork of sources, both books and filmscripts, mostly from the 21st century. The most entertaining source is *Members of an Old Line*, written by Wim's mentor, Grain-of-Sand, the Montauk navigator or purveyor of philosophy: whatever you do, don't do anything. Personally, I could have done with fewer examples of wit and wisdom from the *Sixty-six Parables of Wim*.

This may sound adequately tiresome. But what in fact we have here is a *Bildungsroman* about growing up in the United States in the Sixties, with the obsessions of the young: sex, pot, peace, damp, mysticism, success, and sex — a *Flower People's* cross between *Catcher in the Rye* and *Wizard of Oz* with a touch of *Gulliver* for spice. It is touching as Wim, and Dawn his ever-faithful girl-friend, and Billy his gay-friend and All American success hero, set off into life. It is pretentious in parts, with ritual reference to gurus such as Kafka and Hugh Hefner. It goes bananas at the end as the three travel the world in search of three wise men. It will help if you know your American sports. It is, of course, exceedingly sentimental. I thought it was quite fun.

The Pale Sergeant is a fantasy from the school of Hemingway. A number of men's walking wounded, harassed by guilt and fear and failure, come together at a rundown one-pub settlement in the Australian outback. There is the big-game-hunter ace reporter, and the Jock deserter with a nasty secret from Belfast, and the boozers, and the drifters, and the incredibly beautiful red-haired model. No doubt Oz is a gaul, and a

man and his mate are part of the landscape, and a man's got to do what a man's got to do, viz. knock back cans of frosties until his eyes revolve and he forgets the past, and women have a hard time, but that old Pale Sergeant is going to get you in the sunset at the end anyway. Literary references from Thomas Aquinas to the Marquis of Montrose to his Mistress. OK, if you like macho fiction; and an antidote to wanderlust.

The Seven Ages is a thousand years of English history seen from the point of view of the uterus, dealing with the Reformation, the Civil War, and the rest from the angle of childbirth, contraception, and stories of the life of women. As you know, sister, what are girls heir to but sorrow and pain? It ends with the modern girl finding a kind of peace on the wire at Greenham Common. Eva Figue is a talented writer, though myself I could have done with fewer lists of mugs and other herbal remedies, and less about the surrus of insects and evens. But I think next time she should get away from the global polemic, and get back to what the does best: telling a story in her vivid way.

Cod Sleuth is cod Rabelais, theology, and anthropology. It purports to be the monthly reports of a French Calvinist up among the cannibals of Brazil in the Sixteenth Century, written on tobacco leaves, and telling about the curious goings-on when the savages mistake the surviving ten pages of his Rabelais for the Bible they were expecting, and adopt him as their phallic king. Sprightly, and done with style, for your starter for ten. But after that lot, I craved something a bit more substantial.

Ben Pinnett's *Hugh Dalton* was hailed last year as a great biography. What was so remarkable about it was the way he continued to counterpoint Dalton's successful public career with his turbulent and often unappealing inner life. Instead of the conventional separate chapter describing the statesman's happy family life and blameless relaxations, the nature of Dalton's curious marriage, his personal frustrations, his boils and his warts and his pities were all allowed their full influence in forming his views and affecting at critical moments his political judgement. This was made possible partly by the biographer's art, but partly also by his principal source, Dalton's very full and exceptionally candid diary. Now Pinnett has given us a first hefty instalment of the diary itself. It is a document, both historical and human, of the first importance. Dr Pinnett has taken the decision to separate the war years from the years both

The National war in Whitehall

John Campbell

THE SECOND WORLD
WAR DIARY OF
HUGH DALTON,
1940-45
Edited by Ben Pinnett
Cape, £40

before and after, which will form a second volume. Though this means that the second volume will have a large hole in the middle, it is fully justified by the satisfying unity of this volume, which begins with Dalton, taking over the Ministry of Economic Warfare in Churchill's Coalition in May 1940, and ends with him giving up the seals of the Board of Trade two

months before Labour's historic landslide in 1945. In these two offices, Dalton was centrally involved in both main aspects of the war: on the one hand the struggle against Hitler, and on the other the steady transformation of British domestic politics. In both he gives an unrivalled close-up of the desperate political and bureaucratic infighting — what Dalton liked to call "the shooting war in Whitehall" — that went on behind the "national" facade of Britain's wartime Government.

Dalton, of course, was fighting as hard as anyone, but by this time with declining zeal; for he was losing a bitter battle with Eden, the Foreign Secretary, and Brendan Bracken, Minister of Information, over

the control of black propaganda. Eden, in these pages, is repeatedly disparaged for having "no mind, only a mass of antennae", while Bracken is "simply a guttersnipe". Dalton, the diarist was a good hater. But it was Dalton who was eventually "pruned" by the senior states of the Board of Trade.

That was actually not a bad place to be in the latter part of the war, as victory began to be assured, and attention shifted to post-war reconstruction. Dalton's diary, read with hindsight, is permeated by dramatic irony. In February 1945 he recorded a conversation with Attlee: "He seemed very cheerful and enjoying this, perhaps, last patch of Deputy Prime Minister-ship before the kaleidoscope begins to turn." Dalton had no inkling that in six months Attlee would be Prime Minister, and he himself Chancellor of the Exchequer. Then, of course, their troubles really began. But that will be the next volume.

Neglected aunts of Jane Austen

Fiona MacCarthy

MOTHERS OF THE
NOVEL
By Dale Spender
Penguin, £12.95

Before Jane Austen even started *Sense and Sensibility*, Charlotte Palmer had written *Integrity and Content*, Mary Julia Young had written *Right and Wrong*, E.M. Foster had completed *Light and Shade* and, most significantly, because it so directly influenced Austen, who very much admired it, Mary Brunton, a clergyman's wife who lived in Edinburgh, wrote a complex and sophisticated novel *Self-Control*.

Dale Spender has set out to show in *Mothers of the Novel* just how many women novelists there were before Jane Austen. She is concerned with quantity as well as quality, and in her list of 106 novelists and 568 novels from the middle 17th to middle 19th centuries there are titles one might not be in a rush to rediscover (*Arnold Zulp: A Swiss Story* springs to mind). But she makes out a good case for a long, largely unrecognized, tradition of women's writing which Jane Austen drew on rather than imitated; and in her analysis of women's dawn sense of the possibilities that novel writing brought them she is always interesting, even at times inspired.

What sort of novels were these early women writing? One has to be reminded that when Lady Mary Wortley, the earliest of all, was embarking on *Urania*, published in 1621, the novel as we now understand it did not exist at all. What she did was to retell an old story of her uncle's. Her uncle being Sir Philip Sidney, the story was *Arcadia*. But into it she built her own substructure, a succession of sub-plots which, Dale Spender argues, are highly innovative and womanly in tenor, realistic in their detailing, with a kind of female candour that leads us directly to Austen and beyond.

There are vigorous descriptions in *Mothers of the Novel* of the lengths to which women went to pursue the art when novel-writing was not an accepted, far less a respected, occupation, and when most women's days were so domestically crowded it was difficult to fit it in.

Writing letters was all right. This is why the epistolary novel became so well established: a form which, although used by men as much as women, originated in a familiar domestic occupation. It became so popular that in the three years between 1724 and 1727 Eliza Haywood wrote 17 epistolary novels, and its basis in creative introspection helped generate the educative female novel featuring such willful heroines as Eliza Haywood's own charming Betsy Thoughtless, Fanny Burney's Evchina, and Jane Austen's Elizabeth Bennet, who learn from the error of their impetuous and imprudent ways.

The boundaries of fact and fiction soon got blurred. It can be seen, alluringly, how wom-

en used the novel as a challenge to domestic realities, embroidering biographies and autobiographies with incidents too colourful to be completely credible. Margaret Cavendish, otherwise "Mad Madam", admirably eccentric widow of the Duke of Newcastle, wrote an ostensible memoir of her husband, packed with romantic detail, soaring into realms of fiction. She was also an early science fiction writer, author of a novel which was, needless to say, attacked for scientific inaccuracy, called *The Description of a Blazing World*.

The robustness and professionalism of so many early woman writers is something Dale Spender brings out very clearly. These were popular writers. Aphra Behn, for instance, who wrote 13 novels, as well as her 19 plays, earned her living by her writing and was conscious, perhaps over-conscious, of her markets. (Three of her novels deal indecently with nuns.) Delarivière Manley, the first woman political journalist, successor of Swift as editor of *The Examiner*, was a well-known and original writer of fiction, inventor of fiction. *Novels*, her controversial desert-island novel, was some years before Defoe.

If these writers are so multitudinous and so important why are they not known about and read much more? Ah well... Dale Spender being of the feminist persuasion she gives us the predictable line on male conspiracy. The dastardly men of letters are to blame. Though one feels an immediate sympathy with anyone who spent an entire semester on her post-graduate literature course studying the works of Raymond Chandler, and senses that this probably explains a lot, I think she overdoes the feminist theorizing. It obscures on her descriptions of the writers and their writings, and exaggerates the extent to which they are "discoveries".

Though some of the novelists are lazily familiar, the books themselves are certainly neglected. What Dale Spender does convincingly is emphasize the radical qualities of writing in these novels, and the sheer productive energy of many of these writers. One of the merits and excitements of her survey of all this early female literary activity is the way it focuses attention on a whole new area of books.

The point is surely not so much their value as historic evidence of the condition of women, as whether they are actually any good as literature.

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How appropriate that the man who did more than anyone else to shape the English landscape and English views of it should have been himself a horny-handed son of toil, who served his apprenticeship menially in a square's vegetable garden. Or is it? Certainly Capability Brown's latest biographer does not seem to think so. Faced with the awkward facts of Brown's humble birth and simple upbringing, Thomas Hyde seems to suffer similar convulsions to those manifested by old-fashioned Baconians at the idea that Shakespeare's plays could have been written by a man who looked like a pork-butcher and was not in the least aristocratic. Bolstered by a "local tradition" which can be traced back no further than the 1960s, young Lancelot (before he was given to expanding on a landscape's "capabilities") becomes the illegitimate son of Sir William Lancelot, and heredity makes it too longer odd that a Northumberland village family should produce a boy of genius.

Well, such speculations are fine for bulking out the biography of someone about whom we know virtually all there is to know on a professional level, and hardly anything

personal at all. At least Mr Hyde plays fair: almost every page is scattered with those conditions which so enliven the French popular press — "would have been much aware" — must have been shocked", and so on — along with frank admissions that there is no evidence at all for many suppositions floated by earlier writers. However, when it comes to the real point of the exercise, the charting of Brown's dizzying progression from village lad to royal gardener, creator of the grounds at Blenheim, Longleat, and many more, and inventor of the *jardin anglais*, this book does very well.

Even in the carefully cultivated, artfully arranged territory of Brown's professional life there are still mysteries to be solved, adjustments to be made in the time scheme, and some untidy tangles of undergrowth to be cleared away. We are given good reasons for supposing that a recently discovered plan of Kirkstall, Brown's putative father's estate in Northumberland, may be the first recorded flight of the teenage gardener's imagination. We get crisply expressed judgments on Brown's contemporaries and rivals. We note in detail how Brown's aristocratic clients became — without too much condescension — his personal friends. And where mere words give out, there are always Timothy Beddow's exquisite colour photographs to complete the picture, point the moral, and adorn the tale.

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Smoke signals

So I was right. A month ago nobody used the name Kenneth Baker in the same sentence as the words "Education Secretary". Then on April 28 I revealed that insiders believed that after 18 months wrestling with local government, Baker was bent on promotion. After that the speculation did not stop — until yesterday's announcement. Meanwhile, at Marsham Street, even as the news broke, Baker's successor at the Department of the Environment, Nicholas Ridley, was taking the lift up to his new office, and, as ever, puffing hard on a cigarette. I now predict that Ridley's chain smoking will lead to an early conflict with his under secretary, Sir George Young. A fanciful anti-jobacrist, Sir George bans smoking from meetings and has been known to instruct visiting town planners to stub out their evil weeds.

Doused

It is said to see Oxford University going the way of the Greys, but the proctors, in declaring war on the bibulous binges which mark the closure of finals, are only doing their duty. All 12,000 junior members of the university are being warned against the champagne-spraying and egg-throwing antics which bring city centre traffic to a standstill every June. The proctors, those drab custodians of adult mores in a world of late adolescence, inform the undergrads that such celebrations cannot be defended by the invocation of tradition. I am not entirely happy with that, even though I cannot take issue with the next point, that the festivities strain the already difficult relations between gown and town. This year the police will be on hand to damp down outbreaks of over-exuberance at the 20-odd post-exam junkies at the three-years spill from the Schools building into the High en route to real life.

Get away!

Sir Eldon Griffiths, Tory MP and Police Federation consultant, told delegates at the federation's conference in Scarborough that a few days after retrieving his stolen car from the Met he was flagged down by a motorcycle copper who accused him of not having a tax disc. Sir Eldon suggested that it must have been removed by police while dusting the car for finger prints. That cut little ice with the constable who contacted the police and told Sir Eldon he was driving a stolen car suspected of involvement in an armed bank robbery.

BARRY FANTONI



There's a BA jumbo — you can tell by the empty seats

Beat this

Education minister George Walden, who, as I mentioned on Tuesday, topped up his student grant at Cambridge by jazz drumming, keeps in practice. At a recent dance at Brill, in his Buckingham constituency, he was invited to jam with a local band. The lugubrious atmosphere after the Tory local election disasters was lightened, he says, when he found himself playing "Please Don't Talk About Me When I'm Gone". But with a 14,000 majority, there's hope for him yet.

Fergie fry-up

Twenty Hong Kong restaurants will serve a special menu devised by local gourmet Willie Mark on the royal wedding day in July. Kam-sau-hung-po (roast suckling pig) denotes chastity, and it would be an insult to any bride to omit it. Steamed sea bass symbolizes the harmony between man and woman, while Pak-ling-ho-hup, a chilled puree of lotus and lily seeds, promises years of wedded bliss.

Gaffe

As criticism mounts over the log jam of business in the House of Lords — today's session will not only start early but rumble late into the evening — where is the government chief? His office told me: "Lord Denham is honouring a long-standing arrangement and is away on business." But there was a different story from his house in Bucks, where a housekeeper said that, a week before the Whitnash recess, he was on holiday in Scotland. "That is hardly a matter for comment," replied his private secretary, Roderick Waters, adding testily that he had a number for Lord Denham but did not recognize the code. Sceptics mutter that if past years are any guide "Bertie" Denham's only long-standing Scottish commitment is to a trout stream.

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The rebel in the hot seat

George Hill traces Kenneth Baker's rise from Heath ally to Mrs Thatcher's choice as overlord of education in crisis

It is taken for granted everywhere that Kenneth Baker's move from the Department of the Environment to Education is a promotion, and in practical terms it is. But this attitude marks how far esteem for the Department of the Environment has fallen since the days when Crosland, Heseline and their like presided at that great department of state, and it seemed to be the power house of regeneration for inner city and countryside alike.

A department's political standing at any given time depends on whether the tasks it has in hand are seen to matter. Today a diminished glamour surrounds the selling of the waterworks and dismantling the rates, while education is full of promise, challenge and political "see appeal". But the new Secretary of State may find his ability to influence events there even more frustratingly limited because of the structure of the organization of our schools.

As a connoisseur of the machinery of government, Baker will appreciate the problems of making himself effective in spite of the obstacles built into his role. This kind of thing has always intrigued him. As parliamentary private secretary to Edward Heath in Downing Street in the early 1970s, he devoted much fruitless effort to creating a Prime Minister's Department, designed to save future governments from just the kind of hand-to-mouth improvisation that has afflicted the Thatcher government lately.

For an MP so closely associated with Heath, and one who stood by him to the end, leading his campaign team in the 1974 party leadership contest, the road back to favour under Thatcherism was not an easy one. Nor did he put himself out to curry favour. In 1975 he made a point of espousing the cause of proportional representation, to avoid the domination of the country by "a minority of a majority" — not a theme to ingratiate him with the new party leadership.

In seconding the Loyal Address in 1975 — already a mark of progress towards rehabilitation — he pledged himself to pursue a path between "sycophancy and rebellion". In practice there was less and less sign of rebellion after that. But a certain coolness persisted for some years, and he was passed over for a government job in 1979.

But one thing that he and Mrs Thatcher share is an enthusiasm for new technology, and in 1981 he was made Minister for Information Technology — a potentially meretricious post which he himself had suggested should be created — and he threw himself with a will into promoting all things sparkling and new. He was rewarded with promotion into the

dilapidated stately home of the Department of the Environment in 1984, where he gave backing to Patrick Jenkin's melancholy exploration of the limitations of central authority over local government.

He stepped into Jenkin's shoes in 1985, but in spite of his unfailing air of slightly unctuous good cheer he failed to dispel the shadow which the traumas of the Jenkin period had cast over the department.

Nobody can have any doubts about where yesterday's other principal reshuffle beneficiary, Nicholas Ridley, stands on the scale of wetness and dryness. He is as crisp as a biscuit. Baker's political stance is less clearly marked, and though this may partly be because it is more prudent to cover over signs of wetness in a party climate where tolerance is not in ample supply, it is also because his mind is of a managerial rather than an ideological cast. His indefatigable and contented air unquestionably masks the capacity for hard work which is essential these days as a senior minister, but it is also testimony to the lack of any strong instinct of crusading aggression — the spirit which turns issues into causes.

He was born in 1934 in Newport on the edge of Wales and was educated at St Paul's School and Oxford (a city whose streets of remaining beauty he took much satisfaction in safeguarding last

month by imposing restrictions on further development). He went up to university after National Service, during which he helped to lay the foundations of the Gadsby war machine by serving as artillery instructor in the Libyan army. A protégé of Iain Macleod, he entered the Commons with éclat at a by-election in 1968 and immediately began a campaign to cut taxation by 5 per cent, a Thatcherite gesture. He lost his seat at the 1970 general election, but largely through Macleod's influence was selected to fight the safe seat of St Marylebone when Lord Hailsham was re-elected as one of history's few recidivist peers.

Baker is a stylish bridge player in the last Macleod tradition and — one of the few members of the present Cabinet with any real claims to wit — he has edited two anthologies of poetry, one about London and the other about investment. The latter is surprising evidence of a close interest in the art of political fustian. This noble art is one in which he has always personally exercised great restraint. But perhaps the book is a sign that the relevant skills are there underneath the bland exterior ready to deploy if ever he finds himself in a position where he has the need, and the motive, to fight.

Sarah Hogg on the problem of getting public spending just right

A deft hand on the pump

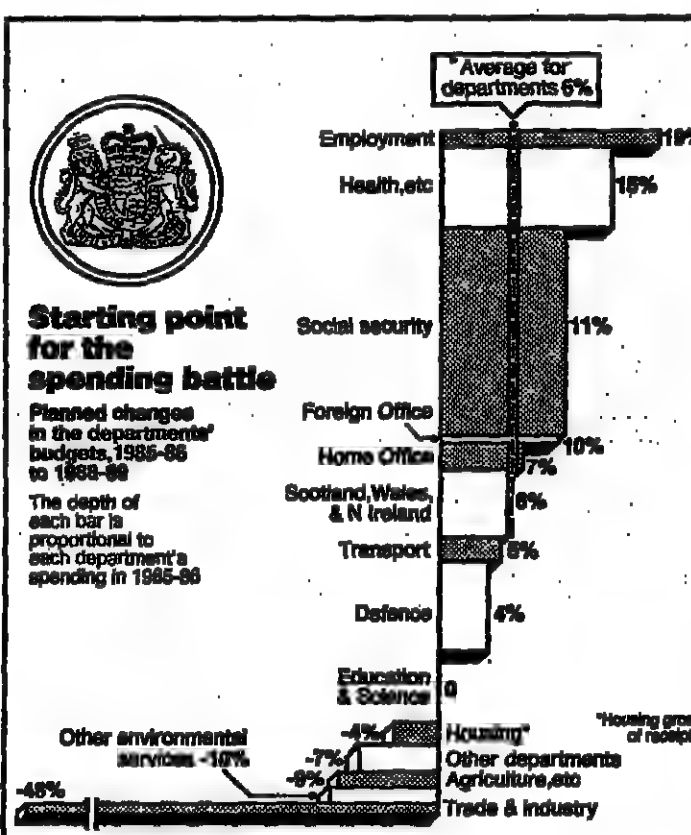
The Chancellor had his own message waiting for Mrs Thatcher's reshuffled cabinet. "Spend a bit more here, a bit more there," Nigel Lawson warned darkly last night, "and pretty soon it won't be a question of how much taxes can come down: it would be a question of how much taxes have to go up."

The Treasury has only just set in motion the official law-mower which prepares the ground for the annual spending tourney. But all government departments have been asked to make their bids by the end of the month, with duplicates to the Prime Minister. Treasury and ministers alike are aware that this will be the last significant "spending round" of this parliament. Negotiations will set budgets for 1987-88 and, in parallel outline, 1988-89.

This round began with the Treasury holding some pretty strong cards. Last year (1985-86) it succeeded for the first time in this government's life in halting the rise in spending. In real terms — after allowing for inflation — public expenditure fell for the first time since 1977-78. "For the next two years, the Treasury aims simply to hold the real level of spending constant. The Treasury also thought it had succeeded in winning a battle to make ministers take on responsibility for this limited task. They have been requested to match new demands by suggestions for offsetting savings within the same department. The idea was that departmental self-sufficiency would help to keep the total for next year within the planned limit of £144 billion, while reducing the need for an autumn free-for-all between ministers, each defending his own patch.

All this, of course, came before the change in political mood strengthened the hands of social service ministers. The chart shows what each government department could expect under existing plans, which run forward to 1988-89. The average increase in departmental budgets is only 6 per cent over three years. That is less than the expected rate of inflation, because some larger percentage increases are pencilled in for big programmes, particularly health and social security.

Clustered at the cuts end of the scale are a number of small programmes, such as environmental spending. The biggest



departmental programme suffering a squeeze is the one which now seems to top Mrs Thatcher's political agenda: education. In the new political climate, there is even less chance that ministers will all remain tamely within departmental limits. So the Treasury has three options. It can let the new lions in Mrs Thatcher's cabinet out of their budget cages, penning back others to balance the figures. It can dig into the "reserve" — at present £6.3 billion for 1987-88 — to feed their hunger for resources. Or it can agree to increase its planning total for public expenditure — something it has not been forced to do during a "spending round" since 1981.

During last year's spending tussle, social security, employment, health, education, housing and agriculture budgets were all increased. Only transport suffered an extra cutback. The cash came from the reserve, and from raising the target for asset sales.

In the new debate over next year's budgets, the government again faces demands for extra cash. Unemployment is still rising, automatically boosting the

social security bill. Although inflation is falling faster than forecast, reducing the cost of purchases and of uprating benefits, it is not clear how much of this gain will be sustained through to 1987-88. And the plans are based on quite unrealistic figures for local authority spending, which was assumed to rise barely at all between last year and next.

Many of these pressures are much less severe than they were in the government's early years. Some have almost disappeared. Defence, which ate up an increasing proportion of the budget until the mid-1980s, has now been ordered to halt.

But one problem looks perhaps even worse. Pay in the public sector has lagged behind private industry, and private sector pay seems to be increasing its lead over prices. Even if the government pursues a less provocative pay policy in the public sector, keeping down increases for its top employees, the wage bill as a whole is clearly going to outpace inflation.

The Chancellor cannot count on the same privatization magic to balance the books: at nearly £5

billion, the target for receipts next year is already pretty high and cannot be dramatically increased again. Nor can he reduce his reserve by more than about £2 billion without alarming the City: the main purpose of the reserve, after all, is to keep control once spending is under way, not to allow plans to be inflated in advance. Less than £200 million — to finance new employment programmes — has been formally drawn from the reserve for 1987-88 already. But a more realistic estimate for local authority spending would probably take care of another £2 billion.

It is, however, important to avoid gloomy double-counting at this point. Much of the extra spending by local authorities, would, of course, go on education, their main responsibility. But the significant point is that none of these cost increases shows up in an improvement in public services. And the change in political mood is certain to show up in two different ways. It will make ministers less ready to finance unavoidable cost bulges by cutting into services, while at the same time increasing their appetites for improvements in existing plans.

So the strategic question for the government is whether, by pumping in a bit more, it could make an impact on the quality of services that would be perceived by the voter, or whether it would toss away its tax cuts to no political advantage.

The "balanced ticket" proposed by John Biffen rests on the idea that there is enough money to tickle the voter both ways. The Chancellor yesterday rejected this notion. Lawson's latest Budget forecasts suggest that if the government held to its spending targets, there would be only £2 billion to spare for tax cuts in 1987-88. Rather more might be in hand for 1988-89, but the election clock runs out early in that financial year.

That £2 billion is only enough to finance Lawson's scheme for profit-related pay and trim another bit off the basic rate of income tax. But perhaps the Chancellor is the victim of his own success in financial conjuring. In this year's Budget, by raising his revenue forecasts, he managed to pull many more rabbits out of his hat than his colleagues expected. They are naturally hoping for more. The author is economics editor of The Times.

Why Gandhi's reforms could falter

Suddenly Rajiv Gandhi is on trial. The optimism and the euphoria which followed his sweeping electoral victory 18 months ago has dissipated, leaving a mood of scepticism and disillusion. Gandhi's task now is not one of reforming India, but of simply governing the country. This stubborn, complex and ancient land with its population of 750 million appears to have resisted his designs for change. The enduring character of India — which his critics say his mother understood so well — has re-emerged, and brought the prime minister's plans to ruin.

Gandhi's policies have been tested in many ways. In Punjab, where 300 have died in recent terrorist attacks, it is clear that his attempt to strengthen Sikh moderates and outflank the extremists has failed. His attempt to bring about communal peace by appeasing orthodox Muslims has alienated the Hindu middle classes.

Even abroad concessions are not reaping rewards. His Sri Lanka initiative was intended to settle the island's ethnic conflict but seems only to have provided cover for the Sri Lankan army in its recent attacks on Tamils. There has been increased dissent in the Congress Party after these failures, despite Gandhi's attempts to stifle opposition by means of expulsion and suspension.

Serious as these failures are, an even greater test is to come. This is how he will face up to public protest against his policies. Earlier this year, a general strike paralysed the country and tens of thousands courted arrest in demonstrations over higher prices.

The trouble stems from Gandhi's pursuit of right-wing economic policies. He could seek to implement them in a Third World dictatorship or a western democracy; to make the attempt in a poor Third World democracy is to end up torn between the opposed logic of one's politics and one's economics.

India's political parties have long offered populist policies and symbolic gestures. Socialism, with its tempting allure of equality, has so far proved irresistible. In its name taxation has been raised, government extended and individual initiative stifled in favour of a collective public sector. Yet, far from securing salvation, these policies have nurtured India's predicament.

When Gandhi came to power in 1984 he inherited an economy choked by its own bottlenecks, overmanned and unproductive industries, a flourishing black market and a tax structure so severe it crippled the honest. It was to tackle all this that Gandhi introduced his economic policies. To give the individual the

full benefit of his salary and savings, he reduced taxes and abolished death duties. On the more important corporate level, he fought to encourage production by liberalizing import restrictions, lifting licence requirements in several key growth sectors and committing his government to a five-year fiscal policy to help business development.

The aim was clear: to secure economic growth, led by the private sector, which would percolate downwards to alleviate the general wretchedness of India's population. All this could be achieved only by relying on individual or corporate enterprise, encouraged by government policy.

But while making economic sense and probably the only way to cure India's malaise, such policies conflict with political reality. The immediate advantages accrue to a 5 per cent minority of the business and professional classes who benefit from tax cuts. Whatever the long term benefit, the poor now get nothing.

In May last year, when Gandhi altered the balance of taxation away from direct to indirect payment, it was the urban working classes that were hardest hit by the rise in prices. This February, when prices rose again, to reduce the

more relaxed import regulations, it was the same people who suffered.

Gandhi's opponents have already been quick to seize upon such discontent. The recent demonstrations and strikes were their work. But it is the future political costs of his economic policies that should now concern Gandhi. If he sticks to his policies, as he has so far, greater discontent could follow, perhaps encouraging disaffection within the Congress party. Many of its members, now denied the opportunities for graft on which they previously grew fat, could present formidable opposition. If the bogey of "tax cuts for the rich, inflation for the poor" were to take firm root, Gandhi's prospects at the next general election would be undermined.

Gandhi's dilemma is that he cannot assuage public opinion without jettisoning the most important of his reforms. His best option is to attempt to contain the damage when it comes. That task is not helped by the fact that very few of his countrymen are aware of the courage he has shown in sticking to his economic policies. As he could soon find out, how do you get people to appreciate what they may really need but passionately do not want?

Ronald Butt

Mutual farms limitation

Two years ago, Mrs Thatcher returned from Fontainebleau with the package which at last reduced the running adverse gap between the UK's contributions to and receipts from the EEC. In return, Britain had agreed to an increase in VAT-related national contributions to the Community's "own resources" from a ceiling of 1 per cent to 1.4 per cent. But this year the EEC will be up against the 1.4 per cent ceiling, which position will just about be sustained in 1987. Negotiations will then have to begin for a 1.6 per cent ceiling since by 1988 the 1.4 per cent limit will have been broken, a year ahead of expectations.

The fall in the value of the dollar is the most immediate cause, since it will make American farm exports cheaper and lead to higher EEC subsidies. But the roots of the problem are the anti-social arrangements by which not only Europe but also the US pump money into producing unwanted produce with damaging effects outside their own borders.

Europe's common agricultural policy has long been theoretically friendless. But 100 years vested interests profit from it to enable it to be reformed easily, and they include Britain's farmers.

The Commission's general ideas for reducing the level of farm support are resisted here as loudly as anywhere, and the cuts in the milk quotas have been a source of much discontent. If grain farmers, the largest beneficiaries of support, felt threatened, their anger would be a real problem for this government. Besides, could any British government, seeing the transformation of the agricultural countryside into a dormitory suburb, really contemplate the demise of small farmers, even though the main benefits of subsidy go to the farm conglomerates?

Above all, Europe cannot tackle its own CAP so long as its farming, and the legitimate wish of the Community not to become agriculturally dependent on other regions, are threatened by the level of subsidy in the United States. This is a world problem which can be solved only by negotiated reduction of world subsidies analogous with the negotiated reduction of nuclear weapons.

In a recent speech to the Lord Mayor's diplomatic banquet, the Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, spoke of the "politics of food". The political and economic paradoxes of food, he observed, derive from "one simple but misguided idea. It is that sun, soil and rain are not sufficient, and that for modern agriculture to succeed some extra vital fertiliser is essential — taxpayers' money."

In 1986, he pointed out, taxpayers in Europe, the US and Japan will pay out no less than \$40 billion in direct subsidies — more than three times the gross national products of Ethiopia and Sudan. So we have huge surpluses, with Europe storing at public expense half a million tons of beef, one million tons of butter, 18 million hectolitres of wine and 16 million tons of grain. But the

US is storing 80 million tons of grain, which is expected to reach 160 million tons by the end of this season — almost 50 per cent of last year's output. (Yet a senior American official recently had the nerve to rebuke the EEC for its farm subsidies.) At the same time, the market for western produce is being reduced by rising production in India, China and South East Asia.

The consequence is wasted taxpayers' money, a virtual subsidy for the Soviet Union which is sold food surpluses at knock-down prices, the undermining of self-reliance and food production in poorer countries, which cannot compete economically, and everywhere a drift towards protection. The principal beneficiaries are, I guess, not so much farmers as fertiliser manufacturers.

At the OECD ministers' meeting last month, the global gap caused by technological innovation and by protection was recognized, and there was particular concern about the tensions in the trade in grains. The OECD was asked to intensify its work on the problem. The Tokyo summit also acknowledged the "situation of global structural surplus" and the need to "redraft policies and adjust the structure of agricultural production in the light of world demand." The World Bank too is working on a report expected later this summer.

In the Community there are some signs of changing attitudes. The French, for instance, are becoming, like ourselves, net contributors to the Community. But for Britain there is a special political problem because we have never benefited from membership, particularly in respect of manufacturing, as the other major EEC nations have. Before Fontainebleau, Mrs Thatcher told the other heads of government that once the negotiation was completed, "it should be possible to present the Community in a more favourable light." But that will remain a dream in Britain while farm waste continues.

Through increased yields, every region of the world is likely to become self-sufficient within decades, so that there will cease to be world agricultural markets. It is now arguable that the farmers would be better served if agricultural trade were liberated. At present, despite subsidies, farming still pays workers off. A realistic subsidy policy is needed to keep Community farming at a reasonable level and Europe more or less self-sufficient. But where special subsidies are necessary (for dairy farming for instance) for social, political or amenity reasons, national governments should pay from their own pockets.

No doubt something can be done within the Community. But it cannot do much alone. There should be a world food summit. Only if the EEC, the US and other major producers can devise a general strategy will the world cease to pour down the farm drains money badly needed for other and better causes.

moreover... Miles Kington

Lines of most resistance

I was taking a short cut through the Houses of Parliament the other day when I was approached by a man who was behaving with what I can only call exuberant furtiveness. When he lowered his voice, it came down to a loud bark. The way he casually put his arm round my shoulder reminded me of a boss about to throttle his victim. He was obviously an MP. "Any chance you're from the press?" he boomed, at the bottom of his voice.

I confessed that I was, in fact, a member of that saintly yet much maligned profession. He clasped me as if I were a microphone. "Well, look here, if I were to pass on to you a piece of hush-hush information in a spirit of the strictest confidence, would you be able to keep it to yourself?"

I said I thought I would be able to manage that. He looked crestfallen. "In that case, you're not the sort of chap I'm looking for."

"On the other hand," I said hastily, "I think I could hardly prevent myself from talking about it in my sleep, so that my editor overheard the information."

"You sleep in the same bedroom as your editor?" he said, startled.

"No. In the same office."

"Ah," he said. "Well, the next time you're dozing at your typewriter, here's what I want you to babble in your sleep. The Ministry of Defence and Department of Transport are planning a merger."

"No. How can this be?" "Imagine a sudden invasion of these islands. The advancing hordes come ashore, pour through the Nothing To Declare channel, hurdle unopposed across Sussex and Surrey, with only minimum delays at Gatwick airport, when suddenly they encounter the immovable barrier of the M25. Nothing can budge. Nothing can give way. All bridges and feeder roads are blocked. It's a stroke of defensive genius. What else can an invader do?"

"If I were an invader," I said thoughtfully, "I would take to the railways. There are many Southern Region lines which bypass or cross the M25."

"They have thought of that," he said triumphantly. "They have perfected the art of bringing the railways to a standstill at a moment's notice, whether by causing a signal failure or merely mislaying a guard. You, as an invader, would soon meet a chalked notice saying: British Rail Regret That All Invading Is Cancelled Until Further Notice Due To Technical Reasons. We Apologize For Any Inconvenience Caused To Foreign Powers."

"I would still have an option," I said. "I would commandeer the new railway line leading right through London via Kensington Olympia."

"That's taken care of as well," he cried. "Knowing that an invader would do exactly what you describe, they have made Olympia the new nerve centre of our defence strategy. The buildings round there are crawling with troops, disguised as businessmen and sales reps, waiting to leap on the invader as he arrives, all unsuspecting, in the trap laid for him. Do you think it's a coincidence that the Kensington rail link and the M25 opened at exactly the same time? Of course not. Now go and print your leak!"

A madman? A fantasist? An MP under immense pressure from his constituency to get on the left trail? All three, perhaps. Yet the more one thinks about the M25 and the railways, the more they seem to be a terrible logic in what



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A SMALL SHUFFLE

Mrs Thatcher has listened to her party's worries about education and appointed her most plausible "carer" Mr Kenneth Baker to answer them. She has shown just as clearly, however, that she is not to be bounced into a free-for-all of public spending to buy herself out of electoral trouble. Mr Nicholas Ridley will be no soft touch for the big spending clients of the Environment Department. He may not even say "no" very nicely. At the Treasury Mr Norman Lamont has as robust an attitude to public spending and privatisation as the man from whom he takes over. Mr John Moore, the new Transport Secretary who adds both to the Cabinet's good sense and to its communicating skills.

The Prime Minister said at Perth that she was not changing her basic course and this minor reshuffle (more limited than many of her more worried supporters would have liked) reflects that pledge. She has continued to reward loyalty even if she has shown her usual reluctance to punish disloyalty.

It used to be customary to

analyse ministerial changes in terms of the balance between wets and dries. Judging this reshuffle by that standard, the conclusion must be one of "no change". Today, however, that standard is somewhat otiose. It is replaced by the distinction between those who want to stand pat on the government's achievements and those who think (rightly) that a government which has finished is a government which is finished.

Mr Baker is seen as a wet but he is no advocate of traditional demand management of the economy. He understands the need to target spending on issues of public concern and he is an exceptional politician when it comes to getting the maximum political bang for his departmental buck. That means spending on education without looking as though one is a pale imitation of the keen spender whom Labour or the Alliance would have in the job.

Mr Ridley is a fully paid up member of the dry brigade. That does not mean he loves a good lecture on the latest monetary aggregate. But he (and she) are well aware that for all that education is the flavour of this political month

it cannot be guaranteed to remain so till the election. The government must do more than match its opponents in caring. It must continue to be an active administration too.

In his new department he will need to pick up the campaign, left to him by Mr Baker, for controlling central funds for local government and making local electorates feel more closely the cost of their Labour votes. He will have to bring with him from Transport his commitment to the development in the South East which the Channel Tunnel brings in its wake. He will find opponents here within his own ministerial team as well as among the backbenchers of Surrey and Kent. He has the determination to fight them off.

The departure of Sir Keith Joseph marks a milestone in the history of Mrs Thatcher's administration. Her Cabinet has lost her intellectual mentor and in circumstances of generally unfair criticism that she must surely regret. But his leaving has opened a small opportunity which she has taken in an assured, if hardly dramatic, way.

OPPORTUNITY FOR SCHOOLS, SCHOOLS FOR OPPORTUNITY

It should have turned out differently. Demographic change presented the schools with a once-for-all opportunity. First in the primaries, then as the 1980s rolled on in the secondary schools and colleges, it could have been a time to take stock, weed the curriculum garden, inject new blood here, close a bad school there. The script did not have to be written centrally: education officers were panting to get a grip.

The end of falling rolls is now in sight. School-children of primary school age have, in some areas, already begun to crowd available places. A window of opportunity is closing. This burst of public attention to education comes dangerously late. Yet, it is more than a politician's ploy. There is too much evidence of public unease for the education debate of 1986 to be dismissed as synthetic.

It certainly figured in the local election results. It shows in the attractiveness of private schooling for those who can afford it (and some who, by any sober reckoning, cannot). Britain's anxieties about public education are perhaps part of an international movement to revise the patterns of education and scholastic practices built in during the era of demographic expansion 20 years ago.

The mood is certainly paralleled in other countries, notably the United States of America where the Reagan administration has both instituted wide ranging inquiry into the state of the secondary schools and put federal money into such fascinating experiments as "magnet" high schools. There, as in Britain, much energy is being expended on the quality of teaching training.

Some kind of education debate would have taken place anyway. The central theme of Mr Callaghan's truncated effort is even more pressing in the middle of this decade than it was in the last. It is, simply put, that education and economy have been too misaligned, that fitness for work has had a neglected place among the purposes of the schools. Eventually the compensatory programme offered by the Manpower Services Commission would have forced the schools to confront an inadequacy built into the web of the 1944 settlement. Mrs Thatcher's government with its clear programme of economic reform was well qualified to engineer educational reform.

But the Government has floundered. Ministers, policy advisers, the Prime Minister have hopped between themes with confusing speed: parental choice, "standards", unrelated to economy or society, inner city schooling, the inequity of socialist educational management (translated too often into a general condemnation of local education authorities). In recent weeks the pace of ideological position-taking has become dizzying.

Far too much has come to where in the personal characteristics of the occupant of Elizabeth House, deluding some observers that he is a more powerful minister than he is, and implying that once

Sir Keith goes, a flood of policy-making will be unleashed. This is both unfair to a far-seeing minister and dangerous.

It is unfair because it neglects the work done by Sir Keith on two fronts, beginning to institute a core curriculum, and establishing clearly that there must be some observable link between the expenditure of public money on schools and teachers and the quality of education. It is dangerous if the public has been led to expect much more than can possibly be delivered by government, and at the same time encouraged to believe in some easy and false elision between extra public spending and results.

That said, Mr Kenneth Baker has much to do, and perhaps as important a great deal to say. He is and will remain an instigator rather than a doer. Some people, otherwise distrustful of Gallic habits, have come to find attractive the Napoleonic model of education in which a minister ordains the detail of classroom practice. Such centralization is profoundly un-English; impractical too.

The task in hand is to still public anxiety, and Mr Baker's noted skills in communication recommend him. A package of temporary measures is required. He has also to begin — educational change is necessarily long term — to address the public's worry about the state of schools, not by solemn incantations about standards but by the careful unfolding of a map on which a single broad line is traced: the "reskilling" of the nation's manpower, or a world in which there is no cut-off between work and raining, the gearing of secondary schools to an unknown and changing pattern of economic opportunity.

Under that banner, it is no exaggeration to call the present and future shortfall of qualified teachers in certain vital subjects a national emergency. The former minister for information technology should know that. Crisis measures are justified. Schools that in the later 1980s cannot offer mathematical tuition to all ability levels cannot present craft, design and technology to all secondary forms, cannot interest a generation of pupils in physics and its applications, are unfit.

Sir Keith has begun to increase the stakes in the colleges of education on specialist training. What is needed in addition is some temporary bonus payable to maths and physics teachers; regulations should be lifted to allow untrained enthusiasts into the classroom. Differential payments are disliked by the teacher unions. They are indeed no substitute for that wider settlement of teachers' pay and conditions that is desperately needed. But the numeracy of the nation in the 1990s demands that corners be cut.

Yesterday's report by Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools illustrated, not for the first time, the physical deterioration of schools. Here is a suitable case for immediate action by the Department

of Education. It would take no very large input of central money to stimulate a host of local repair and maintenance schemes. Some might be organized through the Manpower Services Commission; others might pay for paint and brushes for parents. Again the government must be prepared to mobilize the opinion of parents (and children and teachers) to head off any antagonism by municipal unions.

These are actions for Mr Baker's first day in office. Over the weeks to come the Government must take action on teachers' salaries for there can be no doubt now that the "remoralization" of the teaching profession in England and Wales requires a salary settlement to elevate teachers' earnings both absolutely and relatively.

There is a vexed issue here. How much detail should a teachers' contract specify. No Secretary of State for Education (of either party) is going to be able to convince his Cabinet colleagues that a "professional" pay rise is justified without some written symbol of teachers' attachment to minimum hours and service. But there is ground for hope on this front. The talks now taking place under between teacher unions and local authorities under Acsa could well lead to agreement on a formula that specified not detailed hours of work but qualitative objectives.

To enforce such a contract, a minister with imagination might resurrect the idea of a professional council for the teaching profession. It works in Scotland. Here, too, might be a mechanism (relatively cheap) to which teachers might appeal when oppressed by councillors who would sooner see inner city children indoctrinated by fashionable dogma than given an education of some usefulness for their lives. And here, surely, Government, teachers and parents are at one.

Mr Baker has a full, practical agenda. Paying teachers will inevitably require a considerable adjustment to public spending aggregates. He might want to put his hard-won knowledge of local authority finance to work and devise some better means of delivering education spending locally. But the big philosophical questions, parental choice vs collective provision, education vs training, the liberal curriculum vs a curriculum of skills: the time has come for a moratorium.

Somewhere down the road lies the necessity of reworking the 1944 Education Act with its insistence that local authorities provide and its implicit ban on variegated schooling (for example with local education trusts running schools in the same way as the religious authorities). But Mr Baker has a clear short-run task. Too many English schools, too many of their pupils are under-achieving. Central government initiative can help parents and teachers stop the rot. The nation's posterity depends on his judgement, flair and energy.

A new approach to unemployment

From Professor Emeritus H. F. Lydall

Sir, It is good news that the Prime Minister has committed the Government to a full-scale attack on the problem of unemployment. The conventional remedy, as taught for 50 years in our universities, has been deficit spending. But experience has shown that that policy soon produces inflation and a deteriorating balance of payments.

In principle, the inflationary side-effects could be moderated by a really tough incomes policy. But no such policy has ever been applied for a sufficient length of time and, in any case, the present Government is resolutely opposed to it.

The heart of the employment problem in this country is that too many of our enterprises are inefficient or unsuitable for the present structure of demand. Every change in world conditions reveals a new sector of British industry which is overmanned, technically obsolescent, or uncompetitive. We have seen this in coal, cotton, steel, shipbuilding, motor vehicles, and electronic equipment, among others.

The usual response to unemployment on the workers' side is to demand that the same jobs should be preserved at all costs by subsidies or protection. But this usually does no more than postpone the problem, meanwhile making things worse for everyone else. What is the response on the other side, by the company or the nationalized industry? Typically, no more than an expression of regret, and a shrug of disengagement.

But when Japanese shipyards were closing in the 1970s, the

firms diversified into new products. They were determined to stay in business, and both the managers and the workers were able and willing to change over to new products, new processes, and new working conditions. They had teamwork and dedication. Why do our firms, especially our nationalized industries, show no such elasticity and initiative?

If we want to solve the unemployment problem we must create a new attitude to productive work, at all levels, not least in education. We need to encourage enterprise, technical competence, determination, teamwork, and the unrelenting search for quality. That is the only long-term solution. It will take time, even if we start now.

In the meantime, Government could help by establishing development agencies in all parts of the country, giving them the funds to build industrial estates and to provide retraining facilities for workers displaced from local industries.

The media, especially television, could also help if they would give publicity to our industrial achievements, instead of focussing always on faults and criticisms. And teachers could help by encouraging more students to go into science, technology and business studies and by ensuring that all students master the accurate use of elementary mathematics, English and — in many cases — at least one foreign language.

Yours faithfully,
H. F. LYDALL,
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Church Walk,
Combe, Oxford.
May 17.

Hospital cuts

From the District General Manager of the Chester Health Authority

Sir, Many health authority managers like myself are seriously concerned over our ability to maintain both emergency and non-emergency services in the immediate future. The spectre of hospitals being closed for emergency admissions due to a lack of junior medical cover and of increases in waiting lists is beginning to loom large.

As an example, last weekend the general manager for the acute hospitals in Chester had to take a decision as to whether to employ a locum junior ophthalmologist through an agency at a cost of £400 purely to maintain an emergency service over the weekend, or at a cost of £1,000 for the remainder of the week to avoid, amongst other things, deferring approximately 40 out-patient attendances for several months.

Yesterday he informed me that a similar crisis had arisen in general surgery which would have to be resolved within the next few days. I fear that these crises will now come thick and fast.

Locum agencies for junior doctors currently charge at a rate which equates to approximately

£50,000 per annum for a junior doctor (approximately double the rate for a hospital consultant). This has now become a seller's market. The financial effects on health authorities operating within cash limits and, in many parts of the country, experiencing reductions in their revenue budget due to the RAWP (resource allocation working party) formula, could well result in restrictions in services, not only in secondary but in primary care.

This is a sorry commentary on the inability of the NHS, and indeed of the medical profession, to foresee the consequences of major policy decisions taken without meaningful consultation with those who have to provide these vital services at an operational level — i.e. managers in health districts and units and hospital consultants at grassroots level.

It also suggests that, despite much talk in recent years over the need for the NHS to improve its manpower planning, we are still getting it wrong — and in one of the most vital areas of all.

Yours etc.,
A. GROCCOTT,
District General Manager,
Chester Health Authority,
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Lighthouse Street, Chester.
May 14.

Cornish heritage

From Mr Nicholas Serpell

Sir, In answer to your correspondent, Mr Weaver (May 13), emblem of tourism on the front at Penzance, or indeed, any other Cornish church, are indeed a poor substitute for emblems of real industry which creates real jobs. Tourism certainly has not brought as much benefit to the duchy as fishing, farming or mining because, based as it is on a season lasting no more than three months, it cannot and does not offer secure employment to the local population. In fact, tourism swells the unemployment figures

by importing part-time workers from other parts of the country who then stay on in the winter, living off the state.

To see Cornwall merely as a summer playground for the rest of Britain is to deny the inhabitants the prospect of long-term jobs. Let us squash once and for all the idea that investment in tourism is an adequate substitute for the loss of the tin mines of west Cornwall and an answer to the problems of a depressed Cornish economy.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS SERPELL,
Springfield,
Lower Middle Hill,
Penzance, Cornwall.

On the contrary

From Dr S. B. Field

Sir, Some people from rural areas live to a ripe old age, despite their probable high intake of unhealthy foods. From this observation Dr K. R. Griffiths (May 7) casts doubt on the presently accepted view that high fat intake is detrimental to health.

Were he to look he would also find a number of heavy smokers living into their eighties and nineties and also many who during their lifetimes have received high levels of radioactivity. But these observations are not

proof that smoking, radiation or high intake of saturated fat is good for you.

Dr Griffiths is expressing a "clinical impression". In contrast, several properly designed, scientifically based investigations have shown clearly that these assumptions are harmful. Clinical impressions are invaluable as pointers but are no substitute for proper studies.

Yours faithfully,
S. B. FIELD,
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May 14.

Trees in prospect

From Mr J. Bede Howell

Sir, Future travellers by rail over Beattock on the Scottish border will have cause to thank those who have created the new forests which are carefully fitted into the landscape. There is a promise of outstanding beauty, where the drifts of larch turn green in spring and gold in autumn, contrasting with the background of spruce.

Credit must also go to the local planning departments, who have

agreed to a productive use of waste land, leading to present and future employment for local people and aimed at production of timber, the one rarely-produced commodity which is not in surplus in Western Europe.

Yours sincerely,
J. BEDE HOWELL,
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Great Witley,
Worcester.
May 15.

Single European Act

From Sir Anthony Meyer, MP for Chyrd North West (Conservative)

Sir, Sir Edward du Cann, whose letter you published on May 6, is a leading member of the European Reform Group. This consists of a small number of Conservative MPs whose aim, despite the name of their group, is not to reform the European Community, but to destroy it. Their hostility to British membership of the Community is, of course, perfectly legitimate; but they would command more respect if they did not masquerade as reformers.

The European Communities Bill now before Parliament is designed to give effect to the curiously named "Single European Act" recently approved by all

the member states of the European Community. This is a very modest set of proposals to improve the procedures for reaching decisions within the Community. They do not abolish the right of national veto; what they do is to exert some pressure on member states not to resort to the veto except where genuine national interests are at stake.

It has been clear for a long time that if member states regularly use their veto to block decisions which are inconvenient or embarrassing to them, then, in a Community of 12, there can be no progress on such vital matters as reform of the common agricultural policy, completion of the internal market, or effective action against terrorism — all of them key British objectives.

Dons' response to salary lure

From Dr David Newbery

Sir, Some academics may be tempted by the prospect of doubling their salaries by moving to the private sector, but for those who are attracted by the pursuit of knowledge, there is a more obvious temptation, and that is to take an academic post in the United States.

In my own subject, economics, we have lost too many of the brightest and best young theorists over the past decade. In the past year I have noticed two new and worrying trends.

I was recently approached by the dean of an American university, anxious to recruit new staff, who was trying to compile a list of good, potentially mobile academics whom he could approach, for, as he put it, Britain now had the cheapest talent available.

I am similarly sent personal letters urging me to send my best graduates for doctoral training at the leading American graduate schools, usually as a result of recommending former students who have clearly distinguished themselves.

Since the quality of graduate training is so good, and since these students then have ready access to good American economics departments, I continue to advise them to go.

In the past, many such students would return to the UK after obtaining their doctorate, but now very few do — the prospects here look so unattractive by comparison. If these trends continue, then I fear that we shall continue to lose our best academics, whilst failing to replace them by the best graduates.

But what is to be done, for the cost of raising all academic salaries to the point where they are attractive enough to keep the best would be prohibitive?

My suggestion (and there may be other solutions) is to give the research councils additional funds to finance research posts for key academics. These could be designed to sound prestigious (rather like named chairs at US universities), to pay well, and to buy off some fraction of teaching time.

They would logically be of limited tenure (perhaps five years), the agreement being that the university to which the academic belongs would then resume employment at the original level. The posts could be renewable if the holder continues to demonstrate excellence.

Who knows, it might even be possible to tempt back some former emigrants if they were made attractive enough. Yours sincerely,
DAVID NEWBERY,
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Cambridge.
May 13.

Library's future

From the Secretary-General of the Arts Council

Sir, Your feature, "Poetry Today" (May 6), expressed anxiety over the destiny of the Arts Council's poetry library, at present at 105 Piccadilly. The council has taken a decision in principle to disengage from direct management of art activities where this can be done without damage to the activities concerned.

I can assure you that it is not contemplating any reduction in the activities of the library or the service it provides. The council is in fact taking this opportunity to explore possibilities which, we hope, will lead to the library becoming more accessible to the public than is possible in 105 Piccadilly, impeded as it is by lack of space and restrictions in its opening hours.

If the council decides to disengage from direct management of the library, it will nevertheless continue to make adequate annual funds available to cover the cost of its present staff, book fund and other activities.

Yours faithfully,
LUKE RITTNER,
Secretary-General,
Arts Council,
105 Piccadilly, W1.

Made abroad

From Sir Anthony Gray

Sir, I went on a shopping spree recently in Westminster and made the following purchases:

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Sir — what does go on in this country?

Your obedient servant,
ANTHONY GRAY,
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May 17.

ON THIS DAY

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Our Own Correspondent was William Francis Hubbard (1858-1938)

THE SPANISH FÊTES. A STATE BULL FIGHT.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

MADRID, MAY 21.

The King, with the Queen-Mother, the whole Court, and all the foreign Princes, were present this afternoon at a State bullfight. The rumour published in some English newspapers that the Duke of Connaught attended a bullfight last Friday is quite unfounded. The Duke has been to no bullfight until he attended the State function of this afternoon, which is a very different matter. The great function of to-day, in the Corrida Real on Caballeros en plaza — the Royal Bullfight with gentlemen in the arena — was the most typically Spanish of all the festivities of the past week, and deserves for that reason to be described a little more fully.

State bullfights have been of rare occurrence during recent years in Spain, the last having taken place more than 20 years ago, after the marriage of Alfonso XII, with the Queen Maria Cristina. In former days they were a good deal more frequent; and the fame of one such was given to the Plaza Mayor of Madrid in honour of the English Charles I. during his visit to Spain, is still remembered. Bullfighting of the ordinary kind has sadly degenerated during the last 100 years and has developed one feature — the senseless and wanton slaughter of broken-down horses in the first *suerte* — the act of the *picadores* — which fully merits the censures passed upon the sport by other European nations. In the old days the *picadores* were mounted on good horses, and their business was to save them and turn the bull. That, too, is the business of the *caballeros*, who take the place of the *picadores* in a State bullfight, which, besides adhering to the old form of the *lida*, has retained all the ancient pomp and ceremony of a Royal spectacle.

The interior of the vast arena of the Plaza de Toros does not in these days present, as a rule, a very exhilarating scene. There is the same animation as of old, but the colour and brightness of former times are sadly lacking. But few men wear the white *sombrero*, nor the white *mantillas* and red flowers with which all the women used to deck their heads, and but rarely seen. There is no constant gaiety of hue to relieve the dull ranks of the expectant crowd or the dark shadow of cruelty which to an impressionable mind seems always to hang over the place of impending slaughter. But on the occasion of a Royal bullfight, like to-day's, the Plaza wears a very different aspect. The huge outer circle of its walls, which usually stand so grimly against the sky, is surrounded with innumerable flags; the boxes in the upper tiers are balconies above the *enridos*, all the vacant spaces are draped with costly tapestries. To-day the ancient houses of the Sotomayors, the de la Conquistas, the Abrantes, the Sanfelicis de Aragon, the Valencias de Don Juan, and a score of other nobles have despoiled themselves of their priceless woven treasures to enhance the splendour of the King's bullfight. The tiered ranks of the spectators, the men in their gala uniforms, the women all in white *mantillas* with the traditional flowers poised conqueringly on one side of the head, are brilliant in colour.

The *cuadrilla* is not the usual one. There are two *Agües* wearing the old Spanish dress instead of one, and their duty, by the way, is to remain in the arena the whole time of the fight, a duty which involves considerable risk to themselves and their horses. Behind them follow, not the usual *picadores* in their yellow leather dress riding miserable scarecrows of horses, but the splendid State coaches of three grandes of Spain, the Duke of Medinaceli, the Marquis of Tovar, and the Duke of Montellano. Sitting beside each grande respectively are Don Antonio Llanusa, lieutenant of the Royal escort, Don Gabriel de Benito e Ibañez de Aldecoa, lieutenant of the Queen's Lancers, and Don Manuel Romero de Tejada, also lieutenant of cavalry. Each coach is attended with the usual number of running footmen in the liveries of their houses, and behind each is led as good a horse as man could desire. The *caballeros* are dressed in an old Spanish dress of the 16th century, not in uniform. Each is attended by several footmen in a dress of the same period, whose duty it was to bring them fresh lances when they were broken. After these come the usual *espadós*, *banderilleros*, and *chulos* in their accustomed livery, for it is only the first three bulls which are killed in the old fashion. The *caballeros* take leave of their noble *padrinos*, the latter drive off in their coaches, and the fight begins.

The bulls were of the famous breed of the Duke of Veragua. The *caballeros* showed more good will than actual skill, though several succeeded in breaking several lances before the day was over.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

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The importance of sharing values is receiving increasing attention in the United States, and to a lesser extent in Britain. Shared values within a corporation are those core beliefs about the corporation to which all members of the staff can unhesitatingly give their loyalty, commitment and talents.

The process of identifying and sharing values can unleash powerful corporate energy. But if the process is skipped and the values are "imposed" by only a few people in influential positions, rather than by the entire organization, the driving force will disappear.

The trend towards shared values, although desirable and welcome in itself, is also fraught with danger. In the past, excellent management concepts have degenerated into clichés or "fashions of the month", sometimes because they have not been followed through with persistence and thoroughness, sometimes because they have been introduced without adequate preparation, and sometimes because they have been latched on to as "quick fix" remedies.

Shared corporate values present a further and more alluring trap for the unwary — they may give an impression of worthy costliness, a sort of heaven on earth. The truth is that sharing values is tough. It means setting challenging standards and demanding that difficult issues are faced up to, not evaded. Shared values need continuous review, otherwise they may be reduced to empty and pious-sounding statements. Moreover, constant commitment from the top is essential and any lack of it will be highly conspicuous.

The personality or corporate mind of any company may be thought of as comprising the values, intelligence, experience and energy of the people working within it, and the fusion of these things can create an immeasurably powerful drive to propel a company towards its objectives. This power, however, will at best be short-lived if leaks occur through such commonplace defects as failure to motivate, obsession with status, absence of clear objectives, complacency, lack of co-operation etc.

Even assuming a corporate desire and ability to share know-

Loyalty and talent can be harnessed for a company's benefit when employees share its corporate values,

says Ben Thompson-McCausland

edge, ideas and values, efforts to harness the resulting energy will be doomed if management does not strive conscientiously and continuously to create the environment in which these things can flourish. Moreover, simple adherence to ideals, unless accompanied by some form of public commitment to observable performance, may lead only to saintly intentions. But public commitment demands courage. It means cutting off escape routes and showing a readiness to stand and be counted.

It has been claimed that commitment to shared values is just

because any departure from them will invite ridicule, disapproval or even cynicism. But such thinking, however regrettable, is only a minor sadness compared with the appalling argument sometimes raised to the effect that shared values are useful to management only in times of economic expansion, the inference being that when unemployment is high agreement with the workforce is unnecessary.

Values which are truly shared take time to develop, and a difficulty facing management today in the West is that we live in an instant society. Although we

know of no instant methods by which values can be identified, shared, developed and absorbed (thus creating corporate energy), we still persist in wanting results now. The management of change in companies requires great patience and persistence. Furthermore, it cannot be achieved by one man alone nor even by the top team.

Success in the management of change requires the identification and encouragement of a company's latent energy and talent and it is by working with these things that lasting change can be achieved. Nobody should be surprised, however, if, to begin with, emergent corporate energy is reinvested in the status quo. Change causes disturbance and it is understandable that in such circumstances people should look back towards known methods which may have served well in the past.

In the early stages of service and the prospect of excitement may present a misleading picture of willingness to change, but the reality is that even the forces of inertia will eventually rouse themselves to resist. Moreover, even when corporate energy is success-

fully applied, change in corporate attitudes will at best be uneven and certain parts of the corporate mind may continue to revert to former responses.

If sharing gives rise to corporate energy, refusal to share is likely to produce the opposite effect. We have only to consider the degree of conflict in British industrial relations since, say, the Second World War (when we had the opportunity to start afresh) to see how debilitating the effect of conflict has been.

There is no instant remedy to industrial debilitation but even the earliest stages of improved teamwork, through genuine commitment to the identification and encouragement of shared values, can be accompanied by a powerful release of corporate energy which, if properly managed, should be revitalizing.

In industries which have long suffered from strained industrial relations the difficulties of embarking on sharing values should not be underestimated.

Nevertheless, given the exercise is the direct circuit values are in every company make a whole identify and beliefs to which company co give loyalty, talents, then opportunity needed if we are, once energy namely North Sea

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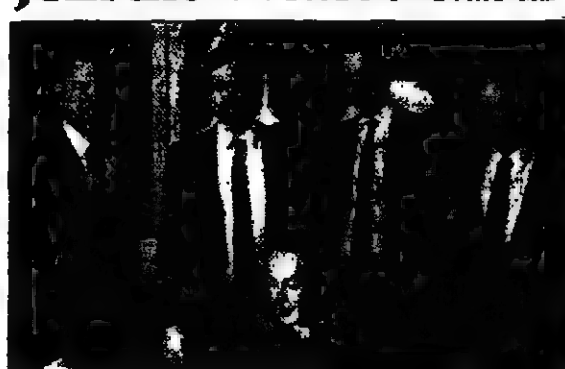


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THE ARTS

Television
Candide
on the
campus

Something about the modern university campus seems to glow out the bitch in many storytellers. *A Very Peculiar Practice* (BBC2) unfolded the misadventures of a new doctor at a redbrick university with the same gleeful cynicism that characterized *The History Man* a few years ago. There was even a glancing witicism about Malcolm Bradbury to make the cognoscenti feel good.

The screenplay, by Andrew Davies, was scattered with other allusions — the vice-chancellor was named Ernest Hemingway, the senior doctor in the practice was a caricature of the crusty Dr. Crenshaw, and the requisite nubile dream-girl in the story literally saved our hero's life when he foolishly tried to keep abreast of the campus over-achiever in the swimming pool. This last character also had the predatory name of Bazzard, and the campus medical centre proved to be a hotbed of thwarted ambition in which this monster grappled with his loony feminist colleague for the chair from which their alcoholic boss will shortly fall.

Peter Davison, already familiar as both Dr Who and the Flying Vet, took the role of the medical Candide who blundered through this crowd of gargoyles trying to do good. Last night's episode had to establish the scenario for the forthcoming six weeks of the series, and its wit consequently seemed blunted by technical requirements. In time, *A Very Peculiar Practice* may develop a memorable wit from what at present seems like an exuberant morass of cynicism.

Earlier in the evening, the novelist Beryl Bainbridge clipped unobtrusively through her tour of little-known corners of the country, *Forever England* (BBC2). It seemed as if half the programme had passed before we saw the author's spell-casting features rather than the less interesting faces of the sheep whose owner she was interviewing on a hill-farm near Newcastle.

The aim of this series was presumably to capture on television the warm humanity and quirkiness of Bainbridge's writing, but so far we have had little besides pretty landscapes, dull people and conversations of hair-curling banality. The author wandered uneasily among beggars on a stately lawn, saying that her hosts are not to be taken for granted. What they were supposed to have made of the camera crew was not discussed.

Celia Brayfield

When Sir Godfrey Taylor accepted the chair of the London Residuary Body, inheritors of the Greater London Council's otherwise unclaimed liabilities and assets, he can hardly have expected to find himself in the position to help solve a problem that has perplexed the Arts Council, Covent Garden, London Festival Ballet and quite a few other organizations for years. That is the proposition that will be put to him at 10 o'clock this morning.

At that time Stephen Hetherington of Hetherington Seelig, an international arts administration and management business, will put to him a scheme, backed by a group of rich patrons who prefer to remain anonymous, for buying the Lyceum Theatre, restoring the auditorium to its former flamboyant glory, providing vastly improved facilities and opening it as a theatre chiefly to house dance. About the need for such a house there can no longer be any doubt. More than three years ago an Arts Council study-group on opera and dance pointed out the desirability of a separate large theatre in London to meet the "very particular theatrical needs of dance": an adequate sprung stage, perfect sight-lines, rehearsal studios and an orchestra pit capable also of electro-acoustical reproduction.

The astonishing thing is that British ballet has reached its present eminence, artistic and commercial, making do with shared and inadequate theatres. But the lack of a good large theatre certainly keeps many desirable visiting companies from our shores.

The Arts Council accepted the argument, and Sir William Rees-Mogg spoke of the need for dance to have "its own London base, on a par with the Royal Opera House and the National Theatre". But nobody could say there has been unseemly haste in implementing it. A feasibility study was commissioned from John Drummond and Nicholas Thompson. Their findings were reported, considered and finally published almost exactly two years ago. Since then, nothing but fair words and the setting up of yet another inquiry into possibilities.

Drury Lane was Drummond's preferred option, partly because of its special merits, partly because there was room to expand and provide a second auditorium. There is just one problem: Drury Lane is most definitely not for sale. When Hetherington's consortium approached Stoll Moss with an offer they were politely but promptly shown the door.

The Lyceum has fewer links with ballet, but the Daghilev Ballet appeared there and the critic Cyril

Theatre

Confrontation as a
sort of freedomThe Normal
Heart
Albery

It is not immediately clear what Larry Kramer's rightly-praised play is about. Transferred from the Royal Court, where it was reviewed on this page by Irving Wardle, for a three-month season in the West End, the play has to do with Aids, certainly, and dying set in a consulting room and the play ends at a deathbed, although the only other medical scene is one in which the wheel-chair doctor (Jenny Lee), herself struck down with polio a few weeks before the Salk vaccine became available, pleads for research funding eloquently but in vain.

The other scenes include apartments, offices of a gay information service and some basement room in City Hall where the apprehensive mayor of New York meets with a gay delegation at one remove. Throughout these dozen scenes the black and white set remains the same, chiefly made up of light news headlines in giant letters but topped by something that suggests a symbolic attic — itself, of course, a metaphor — where the bundles of everyday items wrapped away under sheets include a sarcophagus.

The play's central character is Ned, played at the Court by Martin Sheen and now given a coiled-spring performance by Tom Hulce, an actor best known over here for his Mozart in the film of *Amadeus*. Playing a writer with a string of shrinks behind him, he is aptly described by one of the other characters as "confrontative". For him the way to prevent Aids spreading is to stop having sex, but this campaign note finds little support among colleagues still fighting for the freedom to make love whenever, wherever and with whomsoever.

So a play that is at first about the struggle to bring the mere fact of the "gay epidemic" to the attention of New York's Establishment then becomes a conflict between one man's attitude and everyone else's. While this counterpoint thickens the structure, it weakens the thrust. For Kramer gives us only meagre information about Ned, and Hulce's attractive and interesting performance has not by the end taken us much further into the character than the position he establishes at the start.

Outside this structural uncertainty Kramer writes with wit, where the story can take it, a neat sense for timing shocks, and a rather old-fashioned fondness for set speeches. These are "declarations of position" of the kind

composers set impressively to music, and their operatic flavour is awarded with applause. But only the chilling account by John Terry of a parish death in Phoenix emerges naturally from the story. Paul Jesson's dying reporter brings something of pathos to a play otherwise less moving and even less passionate than I had been led to believe. David Hayman directs.

Jeremy Kingston

Attractive, coiled-spring performance: Tom Hulce (left) with the ultimate pathos of Paul Jesson

Double Double
Palace, Watford

By winding up his adventurous regime with a new play starring Jane Lapotaire and Roger Rees, Leon Rubin has secured a spectacular farewell to Watford before his departure to the Bristol Theatre Royal. (His Watford successor, Lou Stein, takes over next month.) The price to be paid for this striking exit gesture is that it involves the performance of a play by Mr Rees and Eric Elice which does

nothing to boost the idea that acting is the best preparation for dramatic authorship. *Double Double* is a two-character thriller that inhabits a world bounded by French's acting editions. Beyond which any links with the outside world are entirely coincidental.

You get a taste of things to come from the sight of Rose Greer's glitzy Connaught Square living-room, decorated with African masks, and the arrival of Miss Lapotaire in a slick silk trouser-suit attended by a down-and-out Mr Rees emitting menacing Scottish growls. She, so she says, has

just lost her husband on the eve of inheriting a vast trust fund, and she requires her visitor to impersonate his defunct physical double. She spots the resemblance through Mr Rees's layers of bags and facial hair remains unexplained.

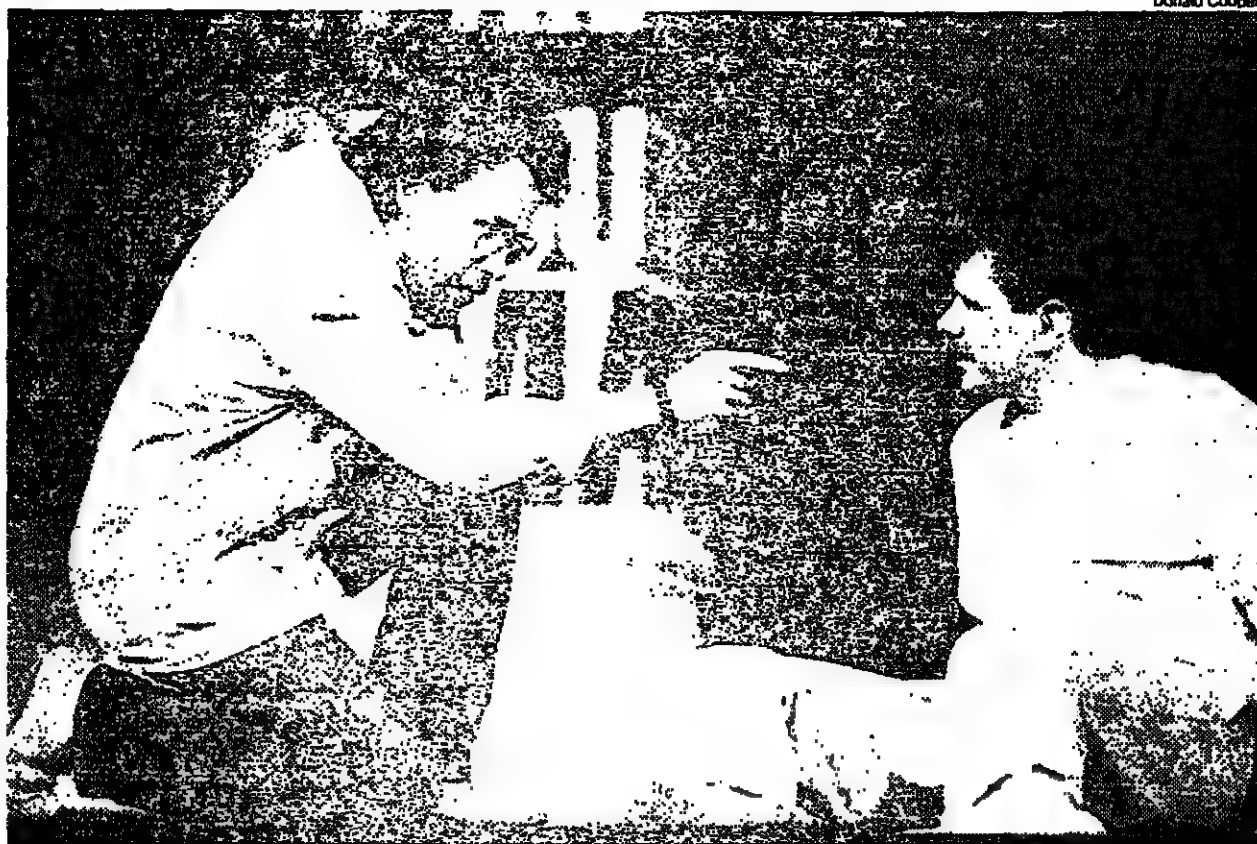
The visitor pricks his ears up and applies himself to the masquerade. He is an apt pupil. At the first lesson he drops references to Shaw and Stanislavsky, and by the end of a week he has shed his Dundee carapace and emerged as a Belgravian butterfly well able to keep his end up at his

alter ego's birthday party. It is just like rehearsing for a play. In due course, the authors supply an explanation for this miraculous transformation. But, on this and every similar occasion, it comes as a dutiful justification for what began as an artificial contrivance. And you come to dread each new mechanical trick for the long-winded justification it will entail.

In keeping with its genre, the play operates like a series of trap-doors opening under the spectator's feet, with each fresh certainty turning out to be another lie. But, as it

accelerates through lesbianism, a suicide pact and a posthumous murder plot, not even the growing motif of true love between the liars is enough to hold it on the rails. Mr Rees effects a spectacular electrocuted death-fall, making an entrance through the front door with his corpse still lying at the bottom of the stairs. Otherwise he has supplied material only for sketches of whom he and Miss Lapotaire might be, rather than characters whom they might have brought to life.

Irving Wardle



A ghost still walks

Who Killed Hilda
Murrell?
Tricycle

"Highly intelligent, charming and eccentric" was the *Times* comment on Hilda Murrell, the 78-year-old anti-nuclear campaigner who was stabbed in 1984 and whose murder remains a hornet's-nest of imponderables. The disconnected telephone, the pin-stripe jockey, the crazy car-ride through daylight Shrewsbury, the unidentified police inspector from London, not to mention the spectre of alleged intelligence involvement: forensic have been sacrificed to speculative publication.

Chris Martin does well to call his piece, first given at the Crucible, Sheffield, "an investigation". A play it is not. In front of a wall of wood paneling which brings to mind the equivocal cosiness of the classic country-house whodunnit, a four-strong company recites a selection of the available evidence culled from police reports, newspa-

per articles, *Hansard* and Miss Murrell's own writings.

The fact that the victim (played with calm authority by Annie Raitt) participates in the proceedings is rather macabre, but frequently effective in bringing her own trenchant logic to bear on the mystery. The tone is one of outrage in the face of the authorities' failure to lay the ghost of the theories that would have Miss Murrell the victim of over-zealous intelligence agents investigating her anti-nuclear activities or the rather more tenuous Belgravia connection of her nephew Robert Green (played by Ian Redford).

The fact is, of course, that the author of this unashamed polemic does not want the ghost to be laid; it would be a disappointment to conspiracy buffs everywhere if the murderer could be proved to be a random psychopath — an event which, admittedly, seems increasingly unlikely. If Jane Collins's well-tuned production succeeds in reopening the case, the effort will presumably have been justified.

Martin Cropper

Catharine Arnold (right) struggled to find a publisher for her first novel, *Last Time*, out this week, but she faces a confident future: interview by Nicholas Shakespeare

Words
in hiding

Obscene, said the first two literary agents who read it. And lacking in moral purpose. Four years after its completion — when the author was still at Cambridge — *Last Time* has found a publisher. Already tipped in some quarters as a potential prize-winner, Catharine Arnold's first novel tells how a belatedly adolescent don is seduced first by one of his students, a boy with a fuchsia scarf, and then by the boy's sister. The result is not so much obscene as firmly rooted in a tradition which reaches back to Forster and Benson. nods to David Wazel's recent Cambridge novel, *Thomas Lyster*, and continues today — no doubt as never before — behind the spotted oaks and tight cravats.

With a second novel accepted, the 27-year-old Catharine Arnold is "quite sure of where I'm heading", also she is quite sure how to present herself on the way. A small girl with a pale oval face, she sits in black designer clothes in the corner of a wine bar called Methusalem. The hair is short-cropped white, her eyebrows dark as her sun-glasses. She wears them because her eyes are sensitive, she says. "One is short-sighted, one long. It means I can see well close to, but from a distance everything fades and merges."

Wary of a job that would use her undoubted writing talent, Catharine Arnold works by day in the nearby copywriting firm of Freeman-Fox. She is used to interviews because she once worked for a recruitment agency and vetted undergraduates who wished to get into PR. But that was in a period she does not want to talk about. She will plumb it for her fiction, she says.

Her mother, a miner's daughter of gypsy blood, came from the Rhondda Valley where, true to tradition, they had an outside loo and where her grandfather died of silicosis. His coal-dust lies heavy on her designer jacket. Her father, "an upper-class drop-out", came from Warwickshire and a family of landowners called Gladwyn-Arnold, descended from Matthew's brother Thomas. The double barrel does not fit snugly with the miner's blood, so she dropped it. "Catharine Arnold", she says. "More alliterative."

Art, music and writing were her only interests, to the rebellious exclusion of all else. Aged 15, she left her Nottingham school because "I couldn't stand it". She had scrawled "Anarchy" on the blackboard. "They knew it was because I was the only one who could spell it. I just liked getting into trouble. I dyed my hair stupid colours. I was constantly bottom of the class." She removes her sun-glasses. "It strikes me as being quite ironic."

With a view to becoming a graphic designer, she studied art at Nottingham's Clarendon College. Then, two years into the course, she decided to up-crayons for Cambridge. "I



didn't find it enough of a challenge. It sounds ironic," she says again, "but you'd still end up being answerable to someone. Though I had found a whole new vocabulary for examining the patterns of light and colour (which she uses to good effect in *Last Time*). I needed more intellectual discipline. I wanted to be paid to read for three years."

She was older than most of her Cambridge generation. Perhaps as a result "I found a degree of insularity and immaturity that was staggering". Reading English at Girton, she wrote her dissertation on Matthew Arnold's "Scholar Gypsy" and called it *The Land of Dreams*. Unlike her protagonists, she had affairs with neither students nor dons.

"I had a reputation for being a writer. A friend who did PR for the theatre took it on herself to do PR for me, and with an extract from one of several unpublished novels I won the Rima Allamuddin prize. "Cambridge has this capacity for Bridesheadian self-indulgence, yet it distrusts the flamboyant. Silence is golden. In *Last Time* I tried to get under the skin of an isolated don. He was not based on a particular person — more on a collection of attitudes, of stories half heard. When I began I had this idea of him seducing an undergraduate. As I wrote, it became the other way round. But I wanted to show that everybody is guilty of using sex to manipulate people through whom they do not sleep with."

Slightly ruffled that she has not yet met anyone who has spotted the allegiance *Last Time* owes to *The Turn of the Screw* ("I was going to call it *The Return of the Screw*"), Catharine Arnold has completed a second very different novel. It is set in London, where she came three years ago — her mystery period — to work in advertising. "Ad-land in many ways resembles fiction. It's a liar's profession, a bluffer's profession." Replacing her inscrutable glasses, she denies that she has ever written anything directly autobiographical. "People write like they act," she says. "To retreat behind others' words. It's a form of concealment."

● *Last Time* by Catharine Arnold is published by Hodder & Stoughton at £9.95.

Concert
Northern
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Out of the kindness of their hearts (for I can think of no other reason) the Northern Sinfonia have commissioned a Harp Concerto from Edward Cowie, and Tynes-Tees Television have paid for it. After its premiere in Newcastle on Sunday, it arrived in London on Tuesday with its championing orchestra. Few people were there to hear it, and few, I suspect, will want to in the future.

Cowie's inspiration this time was apparently derived from two sources. Botticelli's *La Primavera* and the harp playing of Frances Kelly. Unlike Botticelli (and this is a surprise, for the composer, too, is a painter) Mr Cowie shows little discernible excitement with the disciplines of form, colour or texture. Neither, more regrettably perhaps, does this ill-balanced work flatter or even display adequately the technical or imaginative skills of Ms Kelly.

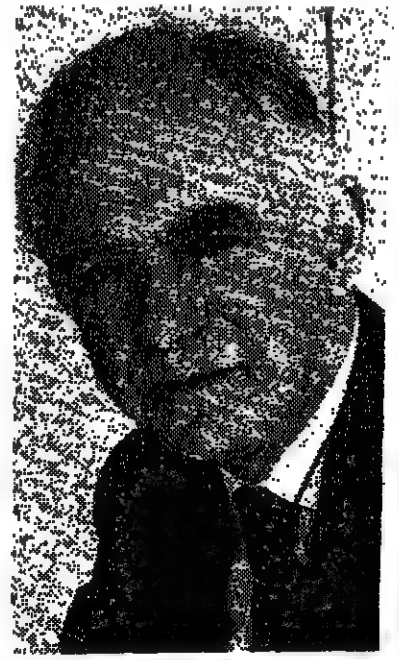
Three of the work's four movements (they take just over half an hour altogether to play through) are given titles: "Venus", "The Flight of Mercury", and, cryptically, "Flora-Judy". Together with fleeting images of Lutoslawski and Stravinsky, they help the mind, if not the ear, to distinguish one from another; for there is too little in their dabbled and erratic invention to keep them apart. Cowie's problem lies, as ever, in listening to and managing his forces perceptively on the one hand, and in either developing or sustaining their material convincingly on the other.

If both chamber orchestra and soloists were sadly under-exploited in this attenuated wisp of mood-music, then they did at least have something to get their teeth into earlier and later in the evening. The orchestra, under the baton of their artistic director, Richard Hickox, were careful and conscientious accompanists for Colin Carr's forceful, if sometimes over-tense, Schumann Cello Concerto. And Prokofiev's "Classical" Symphony at last freed the wind soloists to reveal their not inconsiderable prowess. With more assured conducting, the concert would have ended, at least, in quite some style.

Hilary Finch



A meeting of immense importance to the whole future of ballet in Britain takes place this morning, with Sir Godfrey Taylor (right), chairman of the new London Residuary Body, very much the man in the hot seat: John Percival reports on the continuing quest, supported by anonymous rich patrons, to acquire the Lyceum Theatre for the purpose to which it is best suited

Time for dance to
come into its own

Beaumont recorded that the move "found great favour with the majority of the ballet-going public, because of the popular prices and the excellent view of the stage from all parts of the house". After decades of use as a ballroom and, apparently, some neglect, it needs much work but could provide excellent seating for about 2,700 spectators and a stage able to take every production of the Royal Ballet and London Festival Ballet.

Both those companies are wholeheartedly behind the scheme. The Royal Ballet's new artistic director, Anthony Dowell (like his predecessor Norman Morrice), is convinced of the value for the artistic development of the dancers of occasional seasons of performing every night, instead of sharing the week as happens at Covent Garden. Dowell thinks it would be "marvellous for the dancers to get a chance to perform to different audiences, perhaps draw in people frightened of the Opera House or put off by the prices there".

His administrative director, Anthony Russell-Roberts, envisages that the ballet company from Covent Garden would perform for four or five weeks a year at the Lyceum. With other British and overseas companies appearing there, and perhaps short

seasons of musicals that do not want or need a long run, which London otherwise might not see, he hopes the Lyceum would soon become recognized as a theatre "where a lot of exciting dance is shown".

For London Festival Ballet, the need of a proper home is even more urgent. At present the company depends for London seasons on a makeshift stage at the Festival Hall and the leftovers from English National Opera's year at the Coliseum: more restricted lately, more expensive too and not at the most advantageous times. Richard Jarman, Festival's general administrator, says "it would obviously be a tremendous advantage for us to be able to plan our seasons more rationally through the year".

He sees this not only as making for better attendances and lower costs in the capital but, by bringing more regular attention in the national Press, helping their tours too, which would continue undiminished. Better forward planning of repertory and more predictability when negotiating with choreographers or designers would bring artistic benefits also.

Where does this leave Sadler's Wells, which at present is London's only theatre regularly available for

dance companies? Its director, Stephen Remington, takes the brave view that the Lyceum proposal "must be regarded as very exciting for dance and for everyone. Some of our companies would go there for some of their seasons, but Sadler's Wells will still have an important role in bringing in middle-scale companies and being a home for Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet."

Arts Council thinking is behind him in this. Just as the National Theatre has three auditoriums and the South Bank Arts Centre three concert halls, dance needs at least three London homes: large, medium and small. Sadler's Wells could continue to fill the middle slot, especially if its stage is improved (paradoxically even small dance companies often need a large performing area).

Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet's director, Peter Wright, confirms emphatically that his loyalties lie strongly with the Wells, and London Festival Ballet will continue to use the theatre for its smaller LFB programmes. In fact Sadler's Wells might even gain from the Lyceum's availability: experience in New York and Paris is that making more dance seasons available, more regularly, builds new audiences, especially among young people, and breaks down the misconception of dance as an elitist entertainment.

The snag is that the Lyceum's sitting tenant, Mecca Leisure, has also put in a bid to buy the theatre for continued use as a ballroom and for functions, rock concerts, broadcasts and other activities. However, their use of the hall wastes its chief asset, the perfect sight-lines. Making the Lyceum a theatre for dance gets better value from the building, offers far more benefit to the hard-pressed construction industry in extensive adaptations (a factor that must weigh with government ministers) and brings long-term benefit to an art form that has done immense good to Britain's international standing and its tourist trade.

Sir Godfrey Taylor may argue today that those factors do not concern the London Residuary Body. However, the Local Government Act empowers the Secretary of State to issue directions as to how it shall exercise its functions. There will doubtless be strong pressure to gain the argument: "This is an absolutely unique opportunity to get an almost purpose-built dance house at no cost to the public purse. The need for one is a problem that will have to be faced sooner or later and it would be unforfeitable to let this opportunity pass."

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School mourns three girls killed by lorry

Two hundred children at All Saints Church of England Primary School, Maidstone, Kent, were in mourning yesterday for three girls who were killed by a lorry as they walked home on Tuesday afternoon.

The Rev William Taylor, curate of All Saints Church, broke the news at a tearful school assembly. "Many of the children already knew but I had to tell the whole school. The 10 and 11-year-olds responded very emotionally and there were lots of tears," he said.

Mr Taylor led the children and teachers through "The Lord is my Shepherd" and prayers for the dead children, their parents and the school. "This is a terrible tragedy," he said. "The roads into this town are a race track and we desperately need more safety precautions."

Afterwards the children crossed the road to All Saints Church for a service for the new mayor and councillors of Maidstone Borough Council.

The three girls who died, Lianne Berry, aged 7, Sadie Wilkins, aged 9, and Marie Stone, aged 10, all of Maidstone, would have been singing in the choir at the mayoral service.

The service should have been attended also by the outgoing mayor, Mrs Rosemary Graham, aged 63, but she is still recovering from injuries suffered in a road accident outside the church last year.

At the scene of the accident in Hayle Road, 500 yards away, residents, friends and relatives of the children had placed bouquets as a simple memorial. One poignant tribute was a little doll dressed in a lilac frock with flowers, and a card bearing the words: "Please come back Lianne".

It had been placed there by her parents.

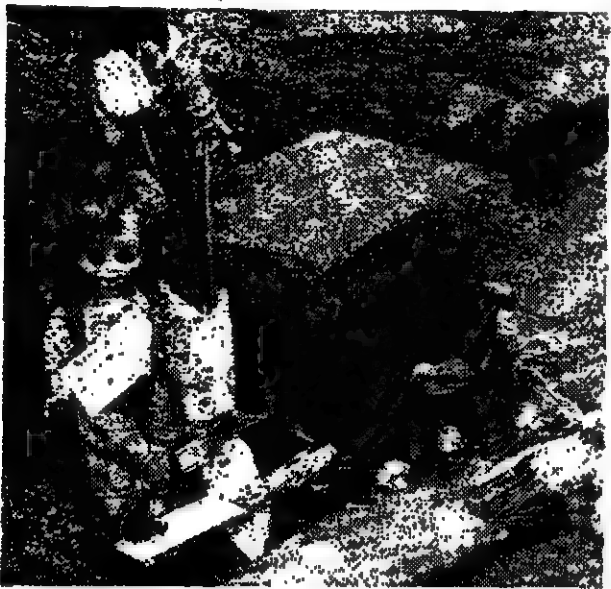
Yesterday, Mr Charles Teare, a governor of the school and Liberal councillor, said that people had been campaigning for speed ramps and more traffic lights.

Mr Michael Odling, chairman of the planning and transportation department of Kent County Council, said that about 15,000 vehicles, including many lorries, used the one-way system in Hayle Road every day. A new road system was planned in the 1990s.

One of the injured, Hanna Ingram, aged 11, is still in intensive care in a Maidstone hospital with a fractured skull and two broken legs.



The scene yesterday in Hayle Road, Maidstone, where the three schoolgirls were killed.



A poignant memorial placed at the scene of the tragedy.



The three accident victims (from left): Marie Stone, aged 10, Sadie Wilkins, aged nine, and Lianne Berry, aged seven.

Radiation alert at Normandy plant

From Diana Geddes Paris

Five men were exposed to radiation in a minor accident at a nuclear waste treatment plant in Normandy on Tuesday, it was revealed yesterday.

Cogema, a subsidiary of the state-owned Atomic Energy Commission, which runs the plant at La Hague, said the five were "irradiated, but not contaminated", in so far as they did not breathe in any radioactive particles because they were wearing masks.

They were all allowed home after medical tests but, for some time, will not be allowed to work in any area where there is a risk of further radiation.

Two of the workers were exposed to radiation levels well above the accepted level of five units a year - which is said to be considerably lower than the danger level. One received 18 units, another 11, and the other three between 1.6 and 0.7 units.

The incident, described by Cogema as "bothersome and regrettable, but without particular importance," occurred while the men were decontaminating a pipeline.

The satirical weekly, *Le Canard Enchaîné*, carried a report on Tuesday claiming that a major nuclear catastrophe had been avoided "by a hair's breadth" just two years ago after an electrical circuit failed at a nuclear power station at Bugey, in the Ain.

Commenting on the report, M Alain Madelin, the Industry Minister, confirmed that there had been a near accident.

Reactor test, page 7

Attacks on ANC only a start, says Botha

From Michael Hornsby Johannesburg

President Botha of South Africa told Parliament in Cape Town yesterday that Monday's attacks on alleged African National Congress (ANC) targets in neighbouring countries were only "a first instalment".

South Africa, he said, had "the capacity and the will to break the ANC" and fully intended to use it.

His statement contrasted with rather more conciliatory remarks earlier in the day by Mr R.F. "Pik" Botha, the Foreign Minister. He spoke of the possibility of "useful discussion and negotiation" with black nationalist members of the ANC if they were prepared to break with their communist colleagues.

He also denied that Monday's raids had been a setback for the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group (EPG) and its attempts to mediate between Pretoria and the ANC. Negotiations with the EPG would "continue with all seriousness".

"The raids were not aimed at anything in the EPG. When you are dealing with a terrorist threat you cannot predict when it is the right time to hit back."

Meanwhile, at a press conference in Pretoria Mr Louis Nel, the Deputy Minister of Information, failed to provide convincing evidence that any of those killed in the raids had been ANC members.

He claimed that four ANC terrorists had been killed, two in Zimbabwe and two in Botswana, but gave no names.

Mandela pledge, page 6

India accused on drugs

Efforts to stem the rise in heroin smuggling were being seriously hampered by the Indian Government's refusal to allow British drug officers to be posted in India (Our Political Staff writes).

Mr David Mellor, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Home Office, said yesterday that there had been a 20 per cent rise in the amount of heroin being smuggled into Britain with 75 per cent of it coming from India.

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Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen makes a private visit to Kentucky, U.S.A., departs Heathrow, 1.

The Prince of Wales attends a service of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Westminster Abbey, SW1, 11.12, and later opens the new plant centre at Abbey Gardens, Hampshire, 3.30; in the evening, accompanied by the Princess of Wales, he attends the premiere of the film *Biggles*, The Empire, Leicester Sq, WC2, 7.40.

The Princess of Wales visits the Edith Intermediate Treatment Centre, South Shields, Tyne and Wear, 9.55; and later opens the new premises of the North East Council on Addictions, 1 Moseley St, Newcastle upon Tyne, 11.30.

Princess Anne attends the annual banquet of the Royal Academy of Arts, Burlington House, W1, 7.40.

Princess Margaret attends the annual meeting of the Royal Scottish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, City Chambers, Edinburgh, 2.30.

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, attends a service of the Order of the Bath, Westminster Abbey, 11.08; and later attends a concert, St John's, Smith Square, SW1, 7.44.

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Last chance to see

Artists in the Theatre: Kokoschka, Kandinsky, Cézanne and Léger. The Burlington House, W1, 7.40.

Paintings and drawings with a collection of restored 19th century Turkish Yuruk carpets by Peter Samuelson; Nicol Centre, Brewery Court, Chesham, 10 to 4.30.

Recital by Ronald Birt (violin), Bernard Grogan-Smith (cello) and Benjamin Frith (piano), 12.45; Recital by Philip Davies (flute), Peter Cropper (violin), Robin Ireland (viola) and Bernard Grogan-Smith (cello), 7.45; Crucible Studio, Sheffield.

Recital by Takashi Shimizu (violin) and Gordon Back (piano); St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol.

Concert by the Halle Orchestra; Perth City Hall, 7.30.

Concert of recorder music from five centuries; St Cuthbert's School Hall, Hawick, 7.45.

Organ recital by Robin Bowman; St Peter's, Welford, 7.30.

Recital by Jean Gordon Brown (soprano) and Edward Hutton (bass); Liverpool Parish Church, 1.05.

Concert by the King's School; St Mary's, Ely, Cambs, 7.30.

Choral concert by the Stuttgart Vokalensemble and Cantamus Girls' Choir; St Mark's, Mansfield, Notts, 7.30.

Concert by Bournemouth Concert Brass; The Bandstand, Lower Gardens, Bournemouth, 7.

Recital by Damaris Wolten (clavier) and Alexandra Biby (piano); Blanford Parish Church, Dorset, 1.

Talks, lectures

Botanic Gardens lecture: Nepal - A plantman's paradise, by Mr Tony Schilling; Rainton Lecture Theatre, Leicester University, 8.

New Zealand, by Joyce Lathbury; The Birmingham and Midland Institute, Margaret St, Birmingham, 11.

Richard Church: man of letters, by Richard Ormond; The Metropole Arts Centre, The Leas, Folkestone, 7.30.

Alfred Waterhouse: Victorian architect, by Dr Colin Cunningham; Reading School Hall, Eleigh Rd, 7.30.

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US Dollar
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W German mark
3.3981 (-0.0055)
Trade-weighted
76.4 (Same)

Fireworks bid agreed

Scottish Heritable Trust, the rapidly expanding industrial holding company, has secured the agreement of Standard Fireworks' board to an £8.6 million takeover, despite Standard's £7.96 million tender agreement with MY Dart. Scottish Heritable's terms are 86 new shares for 100 Standard shares, valuing Standard shares at 153p. MY Dart's share and cash offer values Standard shares at 142p.

Dart said that it was considering its position.

Whitbread up

Whitbread and Company's pretax profits for the year to March 1 increased by 17.7 per cent to £129.6 million on turnover of £1.5 billion, up 6.2 per cent. The dividend was increased by 12.2 per cent to 7.8p. *Temps, page 23*

L&N lower

Profits at London & North-east, the building company, fell from £18.4 million to £12.5 million before tax in the year to December 31. Turnover rose from £260 million to £281 million and the final dividend has been maintained at 3.05p. *Temps, page 23*

Pest inquiry

Sir Gordon Borrie, Director-General of Fair Trading, has ordered a Monopolies and Mergers Commission inquiry into the £35 million a year market in pest control services in which Rentokil is the leader.

Dixons backed

Dixons Group yesterday won its shareholders' approval to proceed with its £1.5 billion bid for Woolworth Holdings. Today is the first closing date.

Payout rise

Pretax profits of Allied Irish Bank were £187 million in the year to March 31, up £123 million on the previous year. The dividend is being raised to 10p (9.5).

Maxwell plan

Mr Robert Maxwell, chairman of British Printing and Communication Corporation, is to restructure the group into three new operating companies under a smaller holding company board. The aim is to achieve revenues of £3 billion to £5 billion by 1990.

Bid go-ahead

Allied-Lyons, the food and drink group, has gained clearance from the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry for its £2.6 billion (£1.25 billion) acquisition of Hiram Walker's drinks division. The deal still has to be cleared by authorities in the United States and Canada.

£5.6m issue

Clifford's Dairies is to raise £5.6 million through a rights issue of up to 486,320 ordinary shares and up to 2.92 million non-voting A shares. For every 25 shares held there will be one voting share at 190p and six non-voting shares at 170p each.

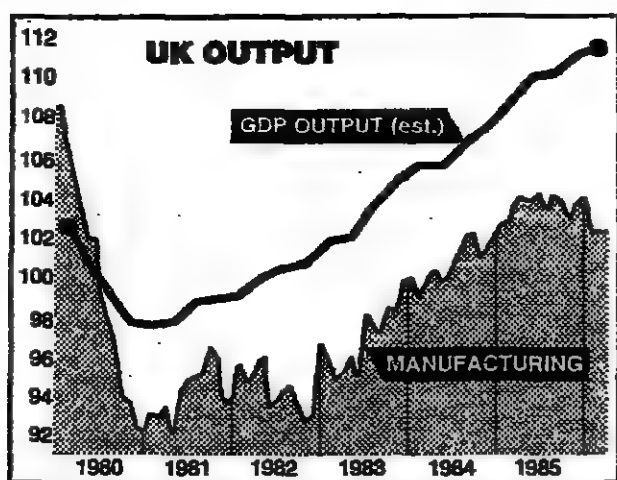
Output figures and forecast suggest economic slowdown

By Sarah Hogg
Economics Editor

Weak output figures released yesterday coincided with a gloomy independent forecast that Britain's economic recovery had lost its momentum.

Gross domestic product (GDP) rose by only 0.4 per cent in the first quarter of this year, half the rate in the previous quarter, according to provisional official output-based estimates. GDP was 2.5 per cent higher than in the first quarter of 1985, but output was artificially depressed by the miners' strike early last year. After allowing for this factor, GDP grew only about 1.5 per cent in the year to the first quarter of 1986.

The spring forecast of the National Institute for Economic and Social Research, published yesterday, suggests that output may rise only 1.9 per cent between 1985 and 1986 as a whole, significantly less than the 3 per cent growth forecast by the Treasury at Budget time. The National



Institute forecasts growth of only 1.7 per cent in 1987.

However, the National Institute's new forecast still suggests that adult unemployment will fall by 70,000 this year, and 140,000 next year, as the Government's employment measures take effect.

The output figures for the first quarter of this year confirmed the fall in manufacturing revealed by last week's

industrial production figures. Manufacturing output fell by 1 per cent in the quarter, while service industries boosted output by 0.5 per cent and distribution activity remained unchanged.

Oil output increased 5.1 per cent in the first quarter, reflecting the normal seasonal surge in this industry. The rest of the economy remained broadly flat.

The National Institute suggests that output stagnated worldwide during the early months of this year, and that Western Europe was particularly depressed by bad weather. However, it expects lower inflation - averaging little more than 3 per cent in the industrial world - to stimulate international growth from now on, with output in the industrial countries rising by 3.1 per cent this year and by 3.5 per cent next year.

In Britain, however, the National Institute believes that "monetary policy is damaging the prospects for exports and investment on which the hopes of renewed economic recovery depend".

The National Institute believes the Budget was not "as expansionary as it should have been" and takes issue with the Treasury's forecast of investment growth. However, it believes inflation will fall even lower than the Treasury forecast, dropping to 2.8 per cent by the end of this year, though rising slightly next year.

Industry policy defended

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

The Government returned to the offensive yesterday after a fortnight of big manufacturing industry job losses with a claim from Mr Paul Channon, the Trade and Industry Secretary, that Mrs Thatcher's administration "does have a clear and coherent policy towards industry".

The Government's primary aim had been to create a climate for wealth creation, enterprise and growth. "To do so has sometimes called for tough, painful and unpopular decisions, confronting reality can often be a painful business. But we have been determined to face up to difficult problems."

Addressing the British Institute of Management, Mr Channon said the greatest disservice the Government

could do to industry and the unemployed would be to abandon the battle against inflation.

Those who said the Government had paid for its success with the jobs of those now unemployed were "totally wrong," he said. "History and experience have shown us that inflation and unemployment are not alternatives."

Recognition of the limitations of what government could achieve was crucial to the Government's approach to industry; any attempt to try to guide industry in a direction the market did not wish to go was almost bound to fail.

There may be exceptional cases when it is necessary for Government to intervene. But we should always remember that once a company is pre-

vented from doing what it believes to be in its best commercial interests, it may be given a competitive handicap which in the long run could bring it down."

The Government should not turn its back on industry's needs after setting the economic climate, "but our job is not to dictate to industry how we think it should behave."

Mr Channon attacked the Labour Party's proposed central and regional industrial planning councils which, he said, would "create jobs for a lot of bureaucrats but destroy thousands of jobs elsewhere."

"The truth is that every attempt by Government to superimpose its view on how industry should develop has merely shown its inability to second guess the market."

Berisford profits leap 25%

By Michael Prest
Financial Correspondent

S&W Berisford yesterday announced a sharp increase in interim pretax profits 24 hours after rival bids for the company were referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Coffee trading and financial services were the main sources of the higher profits.

Pretax profits for the six months to the end of March rose more than 25 per cent from £29 million to £36.5 million, although the dividend was held at 3.5p. Earnings per share were 13.63p against 11.24p.

But the combination of the referral of the bids from Tate & Lyle and Hillside Holdings, the food and manufacturing group, and the improved profits has accompanied a change of heart at Berisford.

Mr Ephraim Margulies, chairman and chief executive, had wanted to sell British Sugar and engineer a private management buyout of other assets. Yesterday, however, he suggested the emphasis would be on improving the return on assets at British Sugar and keeping S&W Berisford a public company.

Mr Margulies said: "If we achieve our goals we will be less interested in selling". He hoped to increase the return on British Sugar's assets from around 11 per cent to 15 per cent. Pretax profits from sugar and animal feeds were virtually unchanged at £22.6 million. Berisford also hopes to cut its debts.

£365m P&O property bid

The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company has sent shareholders its offer document for Stock Conversion, the property company for which it has made a recommended £365 million bid.

P&O's cash offer of 720p per share was based on a Stock Conversion net asset value of not less than 768p per share. The offer document reveals that Stock Conversion's revaluation, which includes dealing properties for the first time with retained profits, resulted in a net asset value of 770p per share at May 15 with a contingent tax liability estimated at 164p per share.

Losses treble at Mitel

By Our City Staff

Mitel, the troubled Canadian telecommunications manufacturer in which British Telecommunications recently took a controlling interest, yesterday announced sharply increased losses for the year to the end of March.

Losses before tax rose from Can\$29.6 million (£14.2 million) to Can\$88.9 million on sales up from Can\$370.8 million to Can\$413.2 million. Extraordinary write-offs of Can\$62.8 million increased total losses to Can\$160.2 million.

However, Mitel said it was now well equipped to move forward with an innovative product range from specialized telephone sets to electronic switching systems for voice and data, together with semiconductor devices.

Scottish drive to attract business

By Ronald Faux

The Scottish financial community, which accounts for more than 270 billion of assets, yesterday launched a campaign to lure business worth at least £100 million to the banks in the wake of big bang.

Lending banks, insurance and investment companies have joined ranks to support the initiative, which received the blessing of Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank of England, and Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the Stock Exchange.

The company, Scottish Financial Enterprise, will encourage awareness of Scotland's financial resources at home and promote its activity abroad.

Mr Jack Shaw, senior partner in Deloitte Haskins &

Sells, is to become chief executive of the company, which has 34 founder members. They have provided a starting capital of £300,000 a year for the next three years.

Mr Shaw told an Edinburgh press conference that the company's role would be that of a catalyst stimulating Scottish activity.

He said: "Our concern is to serve the interests of all those who provide finance and financial services and advice in Scotland."

Sir Thomas Risk, Governor of the Bank of Scotland, who led a working party formed by the Scottish Development Agency to examine Scotland's financial sector, hoped that the Scottish financial community would consider to what extent it sought financial services from outside Scotland.

Rio Tinto in £30m US takeover

By Richard Lander

Rio Tinto-Zinc has increased its involvement in the American sand industry by paying \$46 million (£30.2 million) for the Illinois-based Onawa Silica Company.

The acquisition of the family-owned group, together with last year's purchase of the Pennsylvania Glass Sand Company, makes RTZ the largest supplier of silica sand in the United States.

The new addition was announced at the annual meeting yesterday where the chairman, Sir Alistair Frame, told shareholders that RTZ had endured a difficult start to 1986. Although he said the company was a net beneficiary from lower energy costs, "the oil price has halved and the expected beneficial effects on demand for other products has not yet begun to compensate; moreover, the US dollar has weakened further."

The chairman had to face a barrage of questions from about 25 dissident shareholders.

Hanson Industries, the American arm of Hanson Trust, has sold for \$160 million (£105 million) the paper operations in Jackson, Alabama, of Allied Papers. Allied was acquired by Hanson as part of the recent \$920 million purchase of SCM.

International Leisure ends merger talks with BCal

By Jeremy Warner, Business Correspondent

Merger talks between Mr Harry Goodman's International Leisure holiday tour group and British Caledonian, have broken down, it was confirmed yesterday.

The two sides made it clear in a statement that no further talks would take place though all discussions so far had occurred in "a most friendly manner".

The discussions, which began in January, first centred on the idea of putting the short-haul aircraft activities of the two companies together and then widened into talks about a full-scale merger.

But Mr Goodman was not prepared to pay anywhere near the £150 million demanded by Sir Adam Thomson, the privately-owned airline's chairman. Significant differences in the management approach of the two companies also emerged in talks. The two sides mutually agreed to end the discussions before Mr Goodman's bid could be put formally to today's full meeting of BCal's board.



Sir Adam Thomson: no further talks

The airline said yesterday that despite the difficulties BCal was not looking for a partner and denied that any discussions were planned with Cathay Pacific, the Hong Kong airline.

Cathay has long been seen in the airline industry as a natural fit with BCal though BCal claims never to have held any talks on a get-together.

BCal sources said there was never any question of investors in industry (31), which owns 42 per cent of the airline, being at odds with Sir Adam Thomson over the merger talks with International Leisure.

They said the BCal board was at one in condemning International Leisure's valuation of the business as "derisory" and not worth considering seriously. International Leisure's bid is believed to have valued the airline at less than its last published net assets of £98 million.

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

A cautionary tale on National Bus selloff

Just weeks before the expected first sale of a National Bus Company subsidiary to its management, the publication yesterday of the 1985 accounts cannot help but sound a note of caution about the privatized and deregulated future. Even in a year when turnover grew by 7 per cent and the nationalized company registered its first increase in passengers, operating profits fell by £10 million to £35.8 million.

Inevitably, in preparation for privatization, there has been some tidying up: both redundancy costs and maintenance spending were higher. After allowing for this, however, operating margins were still down and working expenses per mile were up. And deregulation in October is expected to cut fares on profitable routes.

At the bottom line, clearing the decks cost £103 million in extraordinary charges - including a substantial deferred tax provision - leading to a record net loss of £85 million compared with a £22 million net profit the previous year.

Against this background the management of the 70 subsidiaries are being encouraged, and subsidised by up to £50,000 each for legal costs, to mount buy-outs. The response so far has been everything for which the Government could have hoped, with almost all the management teams expressing an interest. There are also potential outside bidders for 51 companies.

There are still considerable uncertainties about the commercial viability of some of the companies and the future of uneconomic, but socially desirable, bus routes.

NBC last year received £62 million in subsidies from the shire councils and, on top of this, supported unprofitable routes through cross-subsidies to the tune of around £65 million. If the councils continue to provide funds the new local bus companies will tender for those services and, while Rodney Lund, chairman of NBC, hints darkly at remedies from the competition agencies, the NBC companies will have to hope for even-handedness in this process. Cross-subsidies, on the other hand, should simply disappear as margins suffer through competition and companies are forced to improve efficiency.

Privatization will certainly not make much money for the Treasury directly. The subsidiaries have a book value of some £155 million but a more rigorous approach to depreciation, in line with the rest of the industry, would lower this to around £100 million. The sum of the parts will be worth less than the whole, so the Government may end up simply recouping the £79.4 million still owed to the Department of Transport, some of which dates back to NBC's 1968 formation.

A higher price would be likely if Mr Lund was willing to entertain proposals from property developers, but he is adamant that all the companies are to be sold as businesses and that mortgage charges are to be put on the properties so that any future change of use will result in further payments.

The point of privatization, in any case, is to reduce overall subsidies without hacking away at services. It is anyone's guess if this will be achieved.

Computer babble

Yesterday's announcement of the new computerized Taurus system for relegating the share certificate to relic status followed yet another breakdown in the Stock Exchange's existing computer systems. As well as leading to dissemination of out-of-date information to some Stock Exchange information subscribers (including *The Times* and its readers) this forced yet another suspension of dealings on the traded options market while the breakdown was rectified.

Traded options dealers may well hold their hands up in despair and wonder when it is all going to end. The disruption of dealings in the market on Tuesday was the fifth time this has happened since February 20. On March 14 the market failed to open at all, an expensive failure which coincided with the introduction of a new computerized system for matching bargains in the market.

It is all very well for the Stock Exchange to announce the ambitious £6 million plan for Taurus, to come into effect in 1989. In the meantime the existing systems for traded options dealings are clearly in need of overhaul. Time is definitely not on the Stock Exchange's side here. Traded option volumes might be setting records at the moment for the market has finally turned into a great success story. Come the big bang in October, however, market experts are predicting that traded options business will grow tenfold.

The dealers deserve a full explanation of the problems that the Stock Exchange is having with options dealing systems. Rumours at the moment are rife, most of them focusing on the inadequacy of the exchange's software. Some say that it simply cannot cope with the level of bargains. Others, who include senior participants in the market, claim that the new in-house clearing system, to which the Stock Exchange recently switched, is fundamentally incompatible with the method by which dealings are normally reported.

One broker explained with feeling: "They are using a system which inherently does not work. It requires human beings to behave in a way that they have never done before."

The Stock Exchange says that everything is hunky dory despite the interruptions. They are working on enhancements to the hardware and software of the clearing system, which it considers compatible with the way option bargains have always been reported.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	1783.36 (+0.82)
Tel Aviv	1783.36 (+0.82)
Nikkei Dow	15808.14 (+118.16)
Hong Kong	1794.94 (+17.87)
Amsterdam Gen	270.6 (+4.3)
Sydney: AO	1172.3 (-3.9)
Frankfurt	1938.0 (-4.2)
Commerzbank	405.3 (same)
General	688.67 (+38.51)
Paris: CAC	405.3 (same)
Zurich	519.40 (-2.2)
SKA General	519.40 (-2.2)

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: \$1.5170	£: \$1.5170
£: DM3.3981	£: DM2.2400
£: Sfr2.8254	£: Index: 115.4
£: FF10.8162	ECU: £0.632501
£: Yen255.81	SDR: £0.788228
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INTEREST RATES

London:	10%:
3-month interbank:	10%-10.5%
3-month eligible bills:	9%-9.5%
buying rate:	
US:	
Prime Rate:	8.50%
Federal Funds:	5%
3-month Treasury Bills:	6.22-6.20%
30-year bonds:	9%-9.5%

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Manders Holdings	270p (+12p)
Bestobell	412p (+18p)
Toxar Kerley	178p (+14p)
Leadbroke	338p (+20p)
Hazlewood Foods	778p (+20p)
Ungate	270p (+10p)
Great Universal Sires	1040p (+55p)
Harris Queensway	272p (+18p)
Boots	250p (+14p)
Leeds Group	185p (+22p)
Pantland Industries	880p (+35p)
Stockfarm	380p (+15p)
Glaxo	980p (+23p)
Telephone Female	220p (+10p)
A B Ports	280p (+22p)
Clement Clarke	245p (+10p)
Allied Irish Bank	243p (+20p)
Channel Tunnel	88p (+18p)
CML Microsystems	185p (+30p)
Clarke Hooper	167p (+10p)
Country Gents	1625p (+85p)
FS Flaxfield	275p (+40p)

FALLS:	
Fisons	588p (-10p)
AP Appleford	235p (-50p)
Irish Distillers	241p (-17p)
Thomas Robinson	828p (-11p)

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Lager profits reach all parts of Whitbread

Beer is a declining proportion of Whitbread's income - accounting for just under half of trading profits, according to the latest results. Yet it is still capable of showing significant profit growth, illustrating the value of having very strong brand names like Heineken and Stella Artois.

Nationally, 41 per cent of all beer sold is lager. In Whitbread's case, lager accounts for 47 per cent of its beer sales, and is expected to reach 50 per cent soon.

The total UK beer market declined by 0.7 per cent last year, but Whitbread managed to show a volume increase, mainly in lager. This allowed beer brewing and wholesaling profits to increase by 15 per cent to £81 million in the year to March 1, 1986.

All segments did well, allowing pretax profit to rise by 17.7 per cent to £129.6 million on turnover up 6.2 per cent. Wines and spirits increased by more than 26 per cent.

Shareholders are cautioned, however, not to expect this rate of growth next year as it was due to the inclusion of the Buckingham acquisition in the US for the first time.

Increasingly, beer production has become Whitbread's cash cow, providing the liquid resources (in every sense of the word) for expansion in both the retailing division and the wines and spirits division, not just in Britain but also increasingly in the US. These two segments now account for 33 per cent and 19 per cent of profits respectively.

This move away from beer also decreases the previously strong bias in earnings towards the first half. Retailing and wines and spirits are much more geared towards Christmas, resulting in a profit mix which is now more equally divided between the two halves of the year. As retailing and wines and spirits continue to grow in importance, the seasonal bias is expected to swing the other way, making the second half the more important in terms of profit.

In 1986-87, capital spending will be considerably increased over last year's £65 million. Like last year, most of the expenditure will be at the front end of the business, in pubs and restaurants.

On present form, a further 15 per cent rise in pretax

profit to £150 million in 1986-87 looks possible. The tax charge is continuing to rise from 28 per cent to around 33 per cent, so at 29.1p, the shares are on a multiple of a little over 11 times prospective earnings.

This means that they stand at a discount to the sector which is only partly explained by the fact that their voting structure makes them practically hid proof.

Bass
Bass has proved that it is still possible to increase profits in a stagnant beer market without straying too far from brewing.

The company's interim results, published yesterday, show more than 85 per cent of pretax profit still comes from its brewing, drinks and pub retailing division, making it the least diversified of the big brewers.

In the first half year to April 12, beer sales by volume were unchanged. The after-effects of the Runcom dispute adversely affected sales in the early part of the period, but since January, Bass has been increasing market share. Lager sales in particular have prospered, and the premium brands, Tennent's Extra, Tennent's Super and Lamot, did outstandingly well.

Profits from the drinks division increased by 17.3 per cent, and pretax profits for the company as a whole, excluding property gains, jumped 18.5 per cent to £118.2 million. Gains on sales of property added a further £1.1 million to profit.

Consequently, the market was pleasantly surprised by these results.

At a multiple of around 13, the top brewer may not yet be at a high enough premium to the sector.

London and Northern
London and Northern is again expanding in the Middle East, despite its recent unhappy experiences there. It is tendering for hospital management contracts in Baghdad and Saudi Arabia, and is confident of a pick-up in construction.

This resurgence of activity comes after the settlement of legal proceedings on an unspecified contract. Last year the company gave a warning

of a potential £15.5 million liability, but in January it said that the proceedings had been dropped. London and Northern recently terminated the agreement at the centre of the dispute at an extraordinary cost of £6.5 million.

Last year's accounts also include a £3.7 million provision above the line for losses on hospital equipment contracts, mainly arising from the liquidation of Laving Wimpey Alireza, the joint venture involving John Laing, George Wimpey and a Saudi partner. London and Northern has submitted claims for these losses.

The company says that its overseas operations have been restructured at a net cost of £1.3 million, charged below the line as an extraordinary item. The company would clearly like shareholders to believe that this means similar disasters will not re-occur. In reality, problem contracts are a risk of any kind of contracting, especially overseas.

As a result of the £3.7 million provision and exchange rate movements costing £3.5 million, the health care division's contribution fell from £11 million to £5.9 million.

Construction was down from £6.1 million to £5.9 million, with the bad weather the main culprit. Building products, however, made £3.9 million, up from £1.4 million, including a £3 million eight-month maiden contribution from Rockville Crushed Stone of America.

Pretax profits fell from £18.4 million to £12.5 million after a jump in interest charges from £4.3 million to £8.2 million.

Unfortunately, the ratio of borrowings to shareholders' funds was unchanged at 70 per cent, against an expected fall to 30 per cent. Apart from the provisions, the main reason was the delay in three property sales, two of which should take place this year. But the company is considering other ways of reducing the gearing ratio, including the flotation of the cellular radio company, Tactico, and the housebuilding subsidiary.

If profits were to recover to the 1984 level the prospective p/e ratio would be 6 with the shares at 76p. On the maintained dividend the yield is 9.6 per cent. That rating allows for a few more problem contracts.

Wall Street rally boosts gilts

A 26-point recovery on Wall Street on Tuesday gave the stock market a fresh boost yesterday. Business turnover was still slack, but speculative issues saw plenty of activity.

The pace was slow and an early mark-up in prices failed to hold. However, as the day progressed, confidence gradually returned so that by the official close, the tone was firmer.

The FT 30-share index rose by 7.5 points to 1,312.5, while the FT-SE 100 index closed 6.1 points better at 1,591.9.

Gilts set the pace from the start by climbing over a point behind the two-point jump in US bonds overnight. However, their gains were trimmed to about five-eighths later in the session.

Among equities, demand was selective. Becham at 378p and Glaxo at 985p were among top movers to attract late American support, up by 13p and 18p respectively. But the most active share of the day was Boots, still excited by the appointment of Sir Philip Harris to the board of Fisons, which led many speculators to anticipate a possible Fisons bid for the company.

Boots opened at 280p, but slipped back to close 14p higher on balance at 269p. Fisons lost 10p to 568p, but in stores, Harris Queensway advanced 16p to 272p on reports of an imminent Times Furnishing deal with GUS, which pushed the "A" shares up by 35p to 1,040p.

Barton Group improved by 8p to 294p after a brokers' lunch, but Marks and Spencer was little changed at 201p on the minority acquisition of its Canadian subsidiaries.

In breweries, Bass exceeded the most optimistic forecasts, with a 23 per cent improvement in profits. The shares jumped 20p to 788p, reviving others like Buckley's, 6p better at 90p ahead of its results.

Electricals were helped by a favourable circular on defence stocks by Wood Mackenzie. GEC benefited most, up 6p to 194p, but Plessey eased 2p to 222p ahead of today's results.

Dealers are hoping for profits of about £172 million, some £9 million more than last year. Food retailers continued to reflect satisfaction with the Sainsbury profits, with Tesco another 5p better at 368p ahead of next Wednesday's results. Leisure shares were to the fore, following the encouraging report on the industry.

Ladbroke was among the best at 336p - up 12p - still reflecting the chairman's optimism in the annual report.

In firm textiles, Courtaulds, reporting next week, added 6p more to 277p, while Coats Viyella advanced 10p to 494p in response to a cheerful circular. A 20 per cent earnings expansion lifted Leeds Group by 13p to 168p.

Takeover favourites Telephone Rentals at 220p, Bestobell, 412p, AB Ports, 585p, Manders, 270p, and Unigate, 273p, attracted renewed demand up by 10p to 22p.

Metal Closures hardened 2p to 185p following confirmation of tentative talks with John Waddington. Hallite climbed 30p to 265p following an approach and Country

Gentlemen's Association was hoisted by 65p to 1,625p, on the latest turn of events in its takeover tussle.

FS Ratcliffe advanced 40p to 275p on the news that Messrs Brearley and Brooks had acquired substantial holdings. A rights issue and acquisition knocked 11p from Thomas Robinson at 328p, and Irish Distillers declined by 17p to 241p, unhappy with the chairman's cautious remarks.

Christy Hunt improved 8p to 62p on a change of stakeholding, while Brunings Group put on 3p to 158p on the recent management shake-up.

Insurances gave back some of Tuesday's gains. Clement Clarke, in merger talks with an unnamed company, improved another 10p to 245p. Wardle Stearves, thwarted in its attempt to buy the RFD Group, rallied by 10p to 343p.

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RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Author (130p)	125
Ashley (135p)	191 +4
BPP (160p)	216
Br Island (80p)	54
Carlin Cooper (130p)	167 +8
Combed Lease (120p)	135
Dasepek (107p)	130
Davis (150p)	226 -2
Dean & B (50p)	60 +3
Devor (130p)	141
Gold Seal (165p)	215
Green (120p)	112
Ipeco (120p)	110 -1

JANIS PORTER (105p)

Jay's Hotel (115p)	92 -2
Lee Int (110p)	154
Lodge Care (70p)	87 -2
Monotype (57p)	145 -2
Muskerin (105p)	134 +2
Ready Used (530p)	383
Splash Prods (72p)	72
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Tip Top Drug (180p)	175 +2
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Wellcome (150p)	185
Westbury (145p)	157 +2

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Burmah Oil N/P	45 -2
F&G Euro N/P	38 -2
Vesuvius N/P	13
President Ent N/P	43 +1
Ratners N/P	70 +5
Rosebush N/P	750
Sandhu & S F/P	230 +2
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(Issue price in brackets)

COMPANY NEWS

LONDON AND CONTINENTAL ADVERTISING HOLDINGS: Forward bookings are coming through strongly, reports Mr John Gollard, the chairman, in his annual review. The future is faced with confidence.

MELVILLE TECHNOLOGY: The company, which acquired the businesses of the Sigma, Herald and Select companies last year, reports trading profits of £661,000, an annual increase of 95 per cent. Turnover £8.04 million (£7.02 million). The company was formed in May 1985 to create a new industrial group by acquiring businesses engaged in introducing new computer-based technology to manufacturing and related service industries.

ENERGY RECOVERY INVESTMENT CORPORATION: Turnover for 1985 £2.2 million (£1.44 million) against £1.49 million. Loss before tax \$1.55 million (profit \$206,000). Tax \$321,000 (\$6,000). Extraordinary item: debit \$22.85 million (nil). Loss for the year \$24.72 million (profit \$200,000).

DELTA GOLD: The company's first step in its corporate restructuring has been completed with the raising of Aus\$3.12 million (£1.48 million) through a placing of shares and options, about doubling Delta's paid-up capital to Aus\$6.18 million.

BRITISH & AMERICAN FILM HOLDINGS: Total dividend for 1985 5.3p (4.72p).

Group pretax profit £600,867 (£511,561).

Mr Robert Clark, the chairman, told the annual meeting that this year has, for the most part, started well, with profits in the first quarter higher than in the same period last year. LMI Titanium and the building products activities were doing particularly well.

MONKS AND CRANE: Dividend 1.6p, as forecast, for the year to March 31, payable on Aug 7. Turnover £25.37 million (£20.19 million). Pretax profit £1.51 million (£721,000), compared with the forecast of £1.4 million when the company came to the market in Dec 1985. Earnings per share 8p (3.5p), against the forecast of 7.2p. The board is confident that prospects are excellent.

Record rise in banks' international lending

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

International banking activity experienced a sharp acceleration towards the end of last year. Total external assets of banks in the 20 most industrialized nations rose by a record amount in the third quarter.

There was also a pick-up in new final lending by the banks, while lending to developing countries more than doubled despite the persistence of the international debt crisis.

Lending in the syndicated loan market sank to its lowest level for 15 years.

The evidence of a continued revival in international banking activity since its low in 1983 came yesterday in the quarterly report of the Bank for International Settlements, which monitors banking activity in the most developed countries.

The final quarter of last year saw a record increase of \$124 billion, after exchange rate adjustments, in the reporting banks' gross cross-border international lending.

International Thomson dips

By Clare Doble

International Thomson Organisation gave a warning yesterday that profits from its oil and gas interests would fall further this year.

It is maintaining oil production from its existing fields in the North Sea and says development of the Balmoral and Scapa fields is continuing on schedule. It is not, however, embarking on any oil exploration at current prices.

Mr Mark Knight, a director, said the drop in oil prices would not affect the group's acquisition plans. He

said: "We are not reining back at all on non-oil developments."

In the three months to March 31, pretax profits fell by £1 million to £21 million, after a sharp but unquantified drop in the oil and gas contribution, reflecting a fall in the average price of oil from £24 to £14 per barrel for the quarter. The present price is less than £10 a barrel.

Turnover fell from £423 million to £343 million because of the lower oil price. The tax charge was down by

£2 million to £7 million, leaving earnings per share up at 4.4p. The shares rose by 5p to 509p on the news.

The travel group increased profits, helped by a higher market share. Its contribution was also boosted by the £5 million profits on the sale of an old Boeing 737 and the commercial travel division of Lunn Poly.

The company hopes to increase its share still further over the summer season, but says that margins will be hit by lower prices.

APPOINTMENTS

Hill Samuel & Co: Mr John Wilmet is joining the board. He will be head of distribution, gilts operation.

Wulter Machine Co: Mr M W Mills has been made managing director and Mr P Gilmore has been appointed production director.

John Brown Engineers & Constructors BV: Mr Asad Ruyter has been made managing director and Mr Hajjo J Coffer deputy managing director.

Institute of Management Consultants: Mr Hedley S Thomas has been made president, Mr Michael J Allen has been appointed senior vice president and Mr David Williams is now a vice president.

Bank of England: Sir Martin Wakefield Jacob has been named a director.

Damon Biotech: Dr Nigel L Webb has been appointed vice chairman and Mr Robert P Schneider has been made president and chief operating officer.

Ogilvy & Mather: Mr Michael Walsh is now deputy managing director.

Equatorial Trust Corporation: Mr Harold Hitchcock has joined the board as non-executive director.

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	10.50%
Aden & Company	10.50%
BCCI	10.50%
Citibank Savings	10.75%
Consolidated Credit	10.50%
Continental Trust	10.50%
Co-operative Bank	10.50%
C. Hoare & Co	10.50%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	10.50%
Lloyds Bank	10.50%
Nat Westminster	10.50%
Royal Bank of Scotland	10.50%
TSB	10.50%
Citibank NA	10.50%

† Mortgage Base Rate.



SUN ALLIANCE AND LONDON INSURANCE plc

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Sun Alliance and London Insurance plc was held yesterday at the Head Office of the Company in Bartholomew Lane, London E.C.2.

Mr H. U. A. Lambert, the Chairman, presided and in addressing the Meeting stated -

"As you will know, it is our practice at the Annual General Meeting to give an indication of the results for the first quarter although we do not publish detailed figures. I should point out, of course, that the experience of one quarter alone is an unreliable guide to the full year's results.

Once again our home results have been seriously affected by weather claims and it is estimated that their cost, at over £40M, will be much about the same as for last year. Nevertheless, there was a reduced underwriting loss on our home business as a whole.

Results from overseas have been rather better and most territories have reported improved experience.

Although investment income and life profits have shown a satisfactory growth they were not quite sufficient to cover the underwriting losses and we estimate that we have incurred a marginal pre-tax loss for the first quarter."

A Vote of Thanks to the Chairman, Directors and Staff was proposed by Mr D. W. Hardy.

When it comes to specialised warehousing, we've got our three million feet firmly on the ground.

As we are an industrial services group specialising in international distribution, it might be supposed that our success is based on an ability to move things.

This is not entirely accurate: we also look after them when they're stationary.

Indeed McGregor Cory, our warehousing business, does a good deal more than that. We handle everything from storage to shrink-wrapping, from quality control to delivery - a range of services which, allied to the geographical spread of our warehouses, has won us over three hundred major industrial clients.

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320	280	FI	385	..	8.3	2.5	12.7		
205	154	Boat: Gorch	178	..	14.3	8.0	9.8		
26	22	Headlin: Sine	35	..	2.16	8.8	8.3		
213	195	Leather: Newarth	200	-1	8.2	4.1	10.7		
82	85	Wooded & Surten	71	..	6.4	4.4	32.5		
114	82	Phand	112	..	6.2	5.5	7.7		
157	119	Strong & Peter	192	-44	11.4	7.5	6.1		
276	168	Style	223	-8	9.4	3.0	26.1		

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90	90	Imogen (Harcro)	100	+	3.3	24	20.5
91	91	Jarvis (H)	100	+	3.3	6.4	8.4
126	126	Leslie	173	+	20	4.2	11.3
127	127	Leslie	173	+	4	7.6	6.4
81	81	Lyles (H)	94	+	2.2	19.5	17.3
71	71	MacKay (Hight)	94	+	5.8	7.9	13.6
100	100	Manley	101	+	5.8	5.3	5.3
101	101	Peacock	120	+	5.8	5.3	5.3
102	102	Peacock	120	+	2.3	5.8	5.3
103	103	SEET	120	+	7.6	8.1	4.9
123	123	Carole	101	+	5.8	8.1	19.0
48	48	Shirley	101	+	3.9	6.7	5.3
67	67	Scotchman (F)	100	+	3.8	3.8	17.6
17	17	Speed Rider	100	+	7.1	8.1	17.6
104	104	Tomkinson	100	+	5.8	4.1	15.6

TOBACCOS							
121	302	B&W	303	43	17.3	4.8	9.7
122	226	Imparital	347	..	13.7	2.3	12.4
127	727	Reptaming '85	151	..	5.1	0.0	5.2

* Ex dividend = Ex ant & Forecast dividend * Interim
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COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Landau completes £18m buyout of Guinness Peat Properties

By Judith Huntley

City Merchant Developers, the property company set up by Mr Martin Landau as the result of a management buyout of Guinness Peat Properties, came into being this week.

It was a complicated £18 million deal. Mr Landau, former managing director of Guinness Peat Properties, said it was "like buying a development company half-way through its life".

The new company involves a mixture of loan stock and equity with its principal shareholders and guarantees from Bankers Trust, its financial adviser. In addition, there were various development partnerships to sort out the portfolio itself which has 10 developments in Britain and two investment properties.

Mr Landau jokingly admitted that if he had known how complicated it would be to finalize the buyout, he might never have tackled it.

But CMD is now established and, as a property trader, expects to share in the present vogue for such companies. But it is not going to follow the likes of Arlington Securities to the market. Instead it will be looking to buy a 30 per cent stake in a quoted

property company, while itself remaining private.

The company is capitalized at £10.25 million, its net asset value. Mr Landau intends to build a strong asset base and will be looking hard for assets to grow to even out lumpy development profits which often characterize trading companies.

Bankers Trust is making £32.7 million available to CMD in the shape of medium-term loans and guarantees. This will allow the company to buy development interests, investment properties and look for other opportunities.

Guinness Peat has an option over 25 per cent of the company, underwritten by Bankers Trust. Mr Landau and his family interests hold 25 per cent of the equity. Other big shareholders include Sir Robert McAlpine & Sons with 15 per cent and Equitable Life with the same holding.

Mr Landau intends to refinance the investment side of the company. He believes that deficit financing, common in the property market for so long, will soon be frowned upon. The time is close when rental income will match development costs he says.

CMD's income will come from three sources. Rental



The LEP Group's redevelopment of its City of London riverside site has given it an asset worth £70 million. The 190,000 sq ft building near Blackfriars, which cost £40 million to develop has been pre-let to Swiss Bank Corporation International which will sub-let 70,000 sq ft. The rest is over £30 a sq ft. It is a sign of the times that the scheme will not be a deficit financing deal. Lazard Brothers, the merchant bank advising LEP, says that medium-term funding is in train for the development which, given present interest rates will be adequately covered by rental income. LEP was advised by St Quintin and James Andrews & Partners. Hillier Parker acted for Swiss Bank. Speyhawk (Project Management) will be project manager.

income and project management fees — the company is to manage four Guinness Peat Properties projects — should cover overheads and show a profit, according to Mr Landau, with development profits being the icing on the cake.

CMD's City of London schemes, Towergate — close to the Tower of London at the Docklands Light Railway station — and St Georges Court, Eastcheap, are well under way. The company hopes to see a 20 per cent profit on its 25 per

cent share of Towergate, a freehold 161,000 sq ft office scheme which is fully funded by Bristol Fund Trustees. And it has a £26 million non-recourse loan from A P Bank for the Eastcheap development.

Opec talks ruled out by Britain

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The Department of Energy has ruled out making any change in its present policy on oil output despite requests from Norway to co-operate with it in a joint approach to the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec).

Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, the Energy Minister, said yesterday that government policy will remain unchanged and that the pace of oil output from Britain's North Sea and offshore oil fields will remain a matter for the operating companies.

He said: "We will continue our policy of meeting other oil-producing nations individually, but we will not be involved in talks with Opec."

It is likely that Norway will be represented at the next full Opec meeting in Yugoslavia on June 25 and the new Norwegian government has asked Britain to consider co-operating in reducing oil output to help push up world oil prices.

Mr Buchanan-Smith yesterday inaugurated Britain's newest offshore oil field at Wylton, near Lincoln, which is operated by BP. It will soon reach full production of 3,000 barrels a day, after starting at 600 barrels a day.

Mr Buchanan-Smith said: "Onshore development is totally dependent for its success on goodwill and liaison between the oil company and the local community."

US seeks machine tool import curb

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

President Reagan is to seek voluntary restraint agreements from West Germany, Switzerland, Japan and Taiwan to reduce their machine tool exports to the United States.

The President announced in a written statement that the voluntary agreements with the four nations would be aimed at limiting their US sales in six main categories of machine tools.

He directed that import levels be reviewed during the next six months.

Administration officials said the action would seek to reduce overall machine tool imports, which now account for about 70 per cent of the US market, to near or slightly under 50 per cent.

The President's action also calls for \$5 million (\$3.29 million) a year over the next three years in federal matching funds "to support a private sector technology centre to help the machine tool industry make advances in manufacturing and design."

Imports have taken an increasing share of the US market. The National Machine Tool Builders Association in 1983 filed a request "on the grounds that the

Consumer prices fall

US consumer prices fell 0.3 per cent last month, reflecting a continued decline in oil prices, the Labour Department announced yesterday (Mohsin Ali writes from Washington).

Energy prices in April dropped 5.8 per cent. During the three months to the end of April, prices fell at an annual rate of 4.3 per cent, the lowest rate since January 1949, the Department said.

The favourable news follows a report last week that prices at the wholesale level fell 0.6 per cent, which was also due to oil price declines.

While the fall in oil and energy prices is bringing strong downward pressure on these inflation indicators, they masked an upward trend in the index.

The department said that excluding energy, the consumer price index rose 0.4 per cent last month.

'Record' rent for Land Securities

Land Securities has pre-let its 41,500 sq ft office scheme at 77 Gracechurch Street in the City of London at what the agent, Savills, describes as a record rent — close to £40 a sq ft.

The Continental Corporation, a United States insurance company, is taking the space. Baker Harris Saunders, which acted for the tenant, is to dispose of its surplus 15,000 sq ft of space.

The amount of vacant industrial floorspace in England and Wales fell by 5.5 per cent to 119.51 million sq ft in the first four months of this year, according to the latest figures from King & Co, the estate agent specializing in industrial property.

Regional variations show that space available fell by 4.4 per cent in the South-east and by 9.4 per cent in the Midlands.

Fewer new buildings are coming on to the market. The total area available for sale or letting fell by 7.7 per cent to 1.36 million sq ft.

King & Co reports that there is a shortage of good, well-located industrial space in many areas. The reason for this is that rental growth has been too poor to allow developers to build at a profit. And the strong demand for residential space has resulted in land changing use, never to return to industrial floorspace. But rents are improving in some areas because of the scarcity of space.

Mr Derek Pezman has lost his last-ditch attempt to win consent for a 1 million sq ft out-of-town shopping centre near Leicester.

Three Law Lords upheld the decision of the Secretary of State for the Environment, Mr Kenneth Baker, to refuse consent for the Centre 21 scheme because of the adverse effect it might have on Leicester's trade.

The developer of Centre 21 produced evidence to show that Leicester city centre trade could suffer a 10.6 per

cent loss of business once trading began.

The decision, however, does not mean that every proposed out-of-town centre would have to pass a 10 per cent rule on its impact on nearby shopping. The Department of the Environment says that every case will be examined on its merits and that there will be no blanket rule on acceptability.

Broderick Properties, which is soon to go public, has had a boost to its £45 million, 270,000-sq-ft retail scheme at Aberdeen. The John Lewis Partnership is opening a 200,000-sq-ft department store next door.

It has bought Norco House, a department store operated by the Northern Co-operative Society. The new store, double the size of the old one, should be trading by the middle of 1989.

This year is proving to be a critical one in the evolution of the British commercial property market.

Investment, development, property marketing and management principles are having to adapt and cope with structural changes in nearly every sector of the market, and the pace of change comes in marked contrast to the relative stability of recent years.

That is the verdict of Jones Lang Wootton in its latest review of the rapidly changing world in which the property industry is having to operate.

Jones Lang has allied itself firmly with proposals to establish a national market in commercial buildings, arguing that it will provide the missing link in asset management for investors. And the firm has set up JLV Financial Services to advise on the finance related to property assets.

JLV is a member of the National Association of Security Dealers and Investment Managers which will allow it to trade in any such new market.

HK office space in demand

The sale of the Hong Kong Government's site at Victoria Barracks in the colony's financial district this month is expected to realize HK\$1 billion (£84.32 million).

It is the second site to be sold at the barracks and Swire, the Hong Kong property company, is likely to be a keen bidder for the plot, which is next to its 760,000 sq ft office development at Victoria Barracks.

Mr David Rumciman, the director of Richard Ellis's Hong Kong office, expects a high price to be paid for the government site. He says there is a strong demand for office space in Hong Kong and, although these will be about 3

million sq ft of high-quality space coming on to the market in the next 18 months, he does not foresee a drop in rents.

He says that there is pent-up demand in the colony, where the financial services sector is growing rapidly. Swire has pre-let 150,000 sq ft of its Victoria Barracks scheme, which includes a 700-bed Marriott hotel.

Top rents in Central District — where Hong Kong Land's Exchange Square is located — are HK\$26 (£2.19) a sq ft per month. The first two towers of Exchange Square are nearly all let, paving the way for the company to proceed with the third tower, with 324,000 sq ft.

The Bank of China will be sub-letting 500,000 sq ft in its new headquarters and the 988,000 sq ft Financial Square scheme will be complete by next year.

Financial Square, next to Victoria Barracks and opposite the Bank of China, is being developed by five partners from Singapore, mainland China and Japan.

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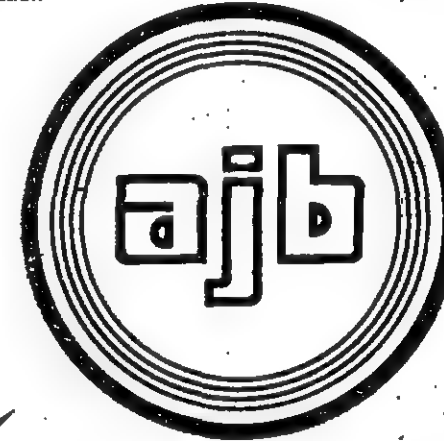
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Extract from Audited Accounts

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Subordinated Loans	11,620	10,548
(£ equivalent)	15,721	21,024
Deposits	545,581	649,798
Loans	392,158	500,826
Total Assets	603,067	715,464
Profit before Taxation	4,030	4,012
Profit after Taxation	2,777	2,610



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Consolidated Profit and Loss Account (millions of guilders)

	1985	1984
Life assurance	232.6	213.8
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Profit before taxation and provisions	447.8	378.0
Net Profit	307.6	258.8

Five Year Record (millions of guilders)

	Assets	Net Profit
1981	13,596.7	163.6
1982	14,935.9	178.4
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1984	22,186.2	258.8
1985	24,181.2	307.6

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The new old girls' network

"I always thought that somewhere there must be a group of women who got together regularly to talk about issues at work and who gave each other moral support", says Jackie Moulton, one of three Detective Inspectors in the Metropolitan Police Force.

As a manager at a senior level in an essentially male environment, she expresses the view of many women climbing the career ladder. Women like Jackie Moulton are frequently highly visible and can feel very isolated. Although there may be other women in their organizations, there are likely to be few at the same level with whom they can relax and discuss problems.

The solution came last year when she got in touch with Network. Started five years ago by Irene Harris, Network provides an inter-disciplinary forum for women at a senior level to share mutual interests and problems. It is one of a growing number of network groups that have sprung up round the country to answer the needs of women at work.

Men, of course, have long known about the value of belonging to a group where problems can be discussed, ideas exchanged and contacts made. Women on the way up have had no automatic entrée into these informal clubs. The key to the executive washroom has not unlocked the door to the power, decision making and contact swapping that goes on in the "locker or the smoke-filled backroom".

There are three main kinds of Network, although in practice they share many of the same aims and results. Firstly those like Network which admit high achievers from any discipline. Secondly, networks which cater to the needs of women at whatever level, in an industry or profession, like Women in Banking and thirdly, company specific groups like Women in BP, which seek to promote the development of women in a particular company.

Women at a senior level can now share their problems

"Many Network members", says Judith Thompson, responsible for competitive business development worldwide for ICL, "operate like me in an essentially all male environment. It is easy to become very isolated and to begin to feel that you need to be a better version of one of the boys. It is easy to become unfemale."

Women managers frequently begin to question their own management style and to assume that to succeed they have to become more masculine. Caroline Riley of Women in Banking, experienced this in her previous job as an assistant manager at the Bank of America. "My style was not the same as my male colleagues. I was able to talk this through with Beryl Bakewell, another member of Women in Banking and found that our styles are the same. Beryl is an extremely successful marketing manager at Hypo Bank, so I began to understand that I did not need to ape men's management

Women climbing the corporate ladder can often feel quite isolated.

Corinne Julius examines Network, an emerging forum for those on their way to the top



styles. I could be myself." Jackie Moulton, boss to twenty-six detectives, feels that peer group pressure can make you feel vulnerable. "You begin to question yourself and you can lose confidence in your judgement and actions." Finding that women from other walks of life had similar self-doubts, and learning how they had coped, gave her a tremendous boost and helped her to establish a balance.

Women also experience a pressure to perform. As one networking woman put it, "If you do twenty good things and one bad thing as a woman you are remembered for the failure. Women are just not allowed to have bad days. You can see male colleagues not performing as well, but they can get away with it. It is morale boosting to find that even the most successful women need support. "Seeing others overcome their problems helps in solving your own," says Jackie Moulton.

Few women who join networks are natural joiners and most are more than a little intimidated by meeting influential women. To their delight these "important women" are not expensively dressed, aggressive harpists, but a powerful source of support.

Friendship with other women at a similar level or with the same interest is important in overcoming isolation but also in solving professional difficulties. "If I wanted to discuss a work related problem," says Judith Thompson "I simply did not have female friends in the profession. I did not have access to the same relationship that men build up. The benefits of being a network member have been many, but a major advantage is the possibility of developing a range of

friends and people that you can trust for an honest response... on a personal and business level."

Beryl Bakewell has found being a member of Women in Banking very useful personally and professionally. Initially several of her male colleagues saw Women in Banking "as some kind of bra burning feminist group", but when through this network, Beryl was able to make the "right" contacts in other institutions, they were impressed.

In fact men in the financial world not from the right old boy backgrounds are somewhat envious.

Networks for specific professions also give members exposure to senior figures in the industry. Says Beryl Bakewell, "Many people I do not know, know who I am." The importance of raising the profile of women is central to in-company networks. Mary Anderson, an economic analyst and chairman of Women in BP says: "As a group we have attracted senior management to our meetings and in our experience the simple fact of the existence of Women in BP serves to increase awareness of women's career issues to both men and women in the company."

Women in BP was set up with company backing. Using a mixture of formal and informal contacts it has developed a voice that is listened to. Like most networks, Women in BP has a programme combining speaker's meetings and informal get togethers.

Most networks organise training for their members covering specific topics of professional interest, the improvement of management techniques as well as women's development programmes, like assertiveness training.

They also offer the more obvious side of networking - contacts who can be used for business. Says Mary Anderson: "Networking helps women find out what jobs are likely to be coming up elsewhere in the company. You can contact a

It is no longer necessary to ape men's management style

woman in that department and ask what it is like and what is happening."

"You have a directory of members whose activities cover a wide spectrum, if you need advice on financial planning or on a medical matter you know that you can consult a member. If they cannot help, they will put you in touch with someone who can," says Irene Harris - a facility that men's networks have traditionally provided. Many networks are just beginning, but those which have been around for a while are, as Irene Harris puts it, "Coming out of their infancy and as they grow up need to become involved publicly in issues that affect women."

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Impressive impact by the imports from down under

For the second successive season the antipodean connection dominated the domestic scene. Great Britain's pride revived in the exciting draw series with New Zealand, and there is a burst of optimism regarding this year's visit from the Australians, but overall the biggest impact at the individual level has been made by imports from Australia and New Zealand.

This was heavily underlined at the recent Man of Steel awards at Salford. The highest award went to an Australian player, the Hull Kingston Rovers' loose forward, Gavin Miller, although injury caused him to have a disappointing Wembley Cup final against Castleford. The coaching award went to Chris Anderson, the former Australian international who led Halifax to the championship and into the Premiership final. Then, last Sunday at Elland Road ground, the Warrington front row of the Australians, Boyd and Jackson, and the New Zealanders, Tamaia, made mincemeat of the Halifax pack to win the Premiership comfortably for Warrington.

Wherever there was success Australians or New Zealanders, or both, were in the thick of it. Wigan went away like a house on fire to pick up the Lancashire Cup and John Player Trophy with Steve Ella at half back and Greg Dowling at prop leading an irresistible charge. It is significant that Wigan's sparkling back play started only when Ella was first injured, then went home. Even so, Wigan lost the championship to Halifax by one point.

At Wembley, although Castleford's home-grown half back, Bob Beardmore, won the Man of the Match award, he only just shaded Gary Pridmore, the New Zealand centre, of Hull Kingston Rovers, who scored two tries, and little Jamie Sandy, the Aboriginal winger who ran over for a try at a vital time for Castleford, even though the stars from down under made their inevitable impact, there were many fine

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Keith Macklin

moments and lively talking points on the home front. The splendidly fought international against New Zealand came to a blood-curdling climax at Headingley with players settling old and new scores in a manner unlikely to please sporting purists. The finish was ideal, as Lee Crooks sent a penalty kick, awarded for a piece of mayhem near the touch line, high between the posts to the gain and the series for Great Britain.

There were remarkable revivals in the second division by two clubs who have struggled for seasons with gates of a paltry few hundred, and with no playing success. Rochdale Hornets, under an aggressive and ambitious new set of directors, troubled their attendances and missed promotion only through an irreparable lapse in form in the closing matches of the season.

The most startling and most widely applauded renaissance came at Doncaster. The Doncaster, everybody's chopping blocks and perennial wooden spoonists, suddenly emerged under the skillful, persuasive and experienced coaching talents of John Sheridan. Doncaster shook Leeds and the whole of the rugby league world by leading 10-4 at Headingley and frightening the Challenge Cup. They then shot up the second division table with a spate of wins, doubled their gates, and are looking forward to next season.

Again, however, the palm for the greatest progress must be awarded to The British Amateur Rugby League Association. SARLA continued to expand at university, college and upper school levels, at last persuaded the Rugby Football Union to create the democratic free game, between the codes, and announced the launch of a new national league next season.

SQUASH RACKETS

Tournament saved as new sponsor steps in

Dunlop Sport have taken up the prize sponsorship of Champion of Champions, a summer tournament of club champions in the Home Counties. The company plan to develop the fast-growing grass roots competition as a promotional flagship event at the club level of a game boasting more than three million players in Britain.

"We have been watching the progress of Champion of Champions for the past four years and wanting to be involved," Gordon Baird, the company's marketing manager, said. "It is a tournament that embodies all the best elements of squash at club level and attracts by its own character the elite of the grass roots game."

Baird heard on the grapevine last week that the organizers had

run into problems over sponsorship at a late stage of preparation for this year's tournament, which starts with the regional rounds on June 7 and ends with the finals at Oakleigh Park squash club in North London on Saturday, June 14.

The crisis point was reached when Jahangir Khan, the world champion, was unable to reconcile widening business commitments with continued promotional support for his UK racket distributor, through whom he had donated prizes for the tournament.

"I was on the phone as soon as I heard the rumours," Baird said. "Funnily enough Howard Harding, one of the organizers, was on the point of ringing me. We were able to move fast enough to protect the June scheduling."

Brighter horizon on the salmon scene

By Conrad Voss Bark

Long-term salmon prospects may not be all that bleak. There has been a good deal of concern about the damage to salmon stocks caused by perling, fair enough. But the latest report from the Tweed Commissioners says: "The results of the 1985 season have followed a pattern not dissimilar to the past few seasons with average to good catches and disappointing net catches."

One of the problems of getting an overall picture is salmon statistics. Conservationists taking one set of world catches of Atlantic salmon in home waters will be able to show a catch decline of 40 per cent in 17 years. Taking another set of figures you can show an increase in catches of 12 per cent.

"I think one can find a set of figures to show almost anything one wishes," commented a leading English fishery consultant. "I think there has been a decline of stocks in the past 20 years or so in many areas but it is not as bad or as general as some would have us believe."

In many places the 1985 season in this country was the best for rods since the 1960s but I am sure that some people will lump the catches together with the poor net catches to draw a maintained downward trend. This is a shame because it clouds the true and draws

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attention away from the areas of real concern.

As well as the anti-poaching measures of the Salmon Bill, now in committee in the Commons, there are many other simple measures which can give a higher priority in the long term. One is the enormous development of farmed salmon, produced by big companies like Farming Harvest in sea lochs and in the Scottish coast.

This year members of the Scottish Salmon Growers Association are expecting to produce about 10,000 tons of farmed salmon. The chairman of their marketing committee, Mr Angus Morrison, says: "We're delighted with the progress we're making. A couple of years ago we were producing only about a sixth of the amount produced in Norway now it's up to about a third."

When we have more than 10,000 tons of farmed salmon in track-loads to Billingsgate and more than enough to be exported to the Third World, do we then go to for salmon ranching in a big way? Do we start restocking rivers? I do not know the answers but it is nice to write something cheerful for a change.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

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Way clear for Tralthee

By Mandarin

(Michael Phillips)

Michael Stoute, the Newmarket trainer, has decided not to run his talented filly Untold in today's Sheraton Park Tower Lure Stakes at Goodwood because of the heavy ground and the way now looks clear for the Luca Cumani-trained Tralthee to stake her Oaks claim with a convincing victory.

Tralthee won the Rockeford Chevington Stakes at Newmarket last autumn in good style, with the Oaks in mind, she will be ridden by Pat Eddery, who was on Land of Ivory when she got disqualified after the first in the Princess Elizabeth Stakes at Epsom.

Stoute took the precaution of declaring the Cheshire Oaks runner-up Alhiza to ensure that he has a chance of winning the race, but I prefer Tralthee, who is a filly with enormous potential.

Today's programme will be joined by another of the Mail on Sunday series. This I suggest will be won by Vague Shot, who like his sire, Vague Great, should relish the soft ground. Well that Tobago Dancer won at Chester, I still doubt her being good enough to beat Vague Shot, who should be down to 9-2 from 12-1 before he beat Strive by a couple of lengths at Kempton.

As many of those contesting the Racine Handicap Stakes are well known to the handicapper, having been competing against one another for one or more seasons, I am tempted to look elsewhere for the likely winner and take a chance with Respect, a somewhat less exposed three-year-old, who won very easily at Sandown a week ago. Judged on that commanding performance Respect deserves precisely that, even though his weight includes a penalty.

The Kincsem Handicap Stakes offers Accuracy a chance of recovering the losses sustained at Chester where she was whipped around at the start of the Chester Cup and lost so many lengths that she might as well have remained in her box. That race was started by flag.

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RACING: HARWOOD LIKELY TO BE TRIPLE-HANDED IN DERBY

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Course winner Young Luca, who contests Goodwood's Racine Stakes.

Today the stalls will be in operation again so there should be no problem. Before Chester, Accuracy saw out two miles really well at Newbury. Gulf King, who was runner-up to the speedy Quil Espirit at York last week, should find life easier in the EBF Halmaker Stakes.

My search for the day's best bet has taken me north of the

border to Perth where Telemeter Gem is named to win the Gillie Bros Loches Amateur Riders Novices' Hurdle. Before he was beaten a head by the useful Celtic Fleet at Hereford, Roger Fisher's five-year-old was a convincing winner over three miles at Southwell when he easily accounted for the Wolverhampton winner Intrepida.

With only three races behind him this season, Telemeter Gem should strip fresher than most and he should also be well ridden by his trainer's assistant Tony Fowler.

Also following those successive victories over 2½ miles at Newcastle, Brother Geoffrey looks a good bet to win the Spitalfield Handicap Chase on the Scottish track, even though Direct Line and Primrose Wood oppose him.

Salvoldo, who had been expected to win the Prix de L'Avre at Longchamp yesterday, after which connections would decide whether to bring him to Epsom for the Derby, missed the race because he had contracted warbles.

His trainer, Patrick Biancone, hopes to saddle the Daniel Widenstein colt on Sunday instead of the Eclipse Stakes in ten furlongs. The race was won in Laflotte on June 18.

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Broken hearts to avoid broken limbs

From Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent, Colorado Springs

Bobby Robson, England's manager, unwittingly pulled the carpet from underneath the supporters of artificial turf yesterday, three days before the subject is to be discussed at the Football League's annual meeting. Canada, England's opponents on Saturday in Vancouver, had expected to stage the fixture on a synthetic surface but Robson has rejected the idea for fear of injury.

The hosts offered to hold it inside the BC Place, a large stadium that houses a capacity of some 60,000 spectators and where a weakened Wales side beat the Canadians 3-0 on Monday. Robson would have been delighted to accept the invitation but for that one problem.

"I once worked in Vancouver and it would have been nice to play in front of a big crowd and to earn some money for the Canadians," he said, "but I cannot afford to take the risk. At this stage it is just not worth it because somebody could get hurt."

"On that sort of surface, a player can twist an ankle or jar a knee. It can happen on grass as well but I don't want to increase the danger. I'm giving the squad the day off tomorrow anyway to get rid of all

their minor aches and pains. I don't want the problems to recur."

Robson has insisted, therefore, that the game is played instead at Swangard, a stadium that accommodates an audience of only 15,000. It is sure to be full. The Canadians, disappointed that only 9,000 turned up to watch the defeat by Wales in the larger arena, say they could have sold out the BC Place.

The change of venue represents an estimated loss of up to \$1 million (about £660,000) for the Canadians, who are struggling to meet the costs of preparing for and entering the World Cup finals for the first time. A grant of \$200,000, donated belatedly by the government, scarcely covers their incidentals.

Tony Waiters, the Englishman in charge, admitted: "It is a blow, a very big blow. I can understand Bobby Robson's reasons and so does everybody here but the decision has broken a lot of hearts. We want to and need to play against England so we will meet them on their terms."

The consolation is that, unlike the Welsh who were weakened by the absence of Rush and Hughes, the Canadians are likely to be at their strongest. It is scheduled to be the last competitive practice match before the opening time against Portugal on June 3 and Robson would prefer to select his starting line-up.

England's manager is still attempting to arrange another fixture next week against Monterrey, the champions of Mexico, either in the city itself or over the American border in Texas. Tampico, the runners-up in the domestic championship, have offered to act as hosts if their rivals, who have been approached also by the Portuguese and Poland, are unable to meet England.

The outing would give an opportunity for those left out against Canada to run around for 90 minutes but Bailey is still not yet sure whether he will take an active part in the build-up. Although Hodge is almost certain to pass his fitness test and be included in the official squad, Manchester United's goalkeeper faces the other of Robson's decisions this afternoon.

Ferguson's men fit the bill

Alex Ferguson, the Scotland manager, gave his squad a clean bill of health yesterday after their first full week of altitude training at Santa Fe in preparation for the World Cup in Mexico.

Ferguson could not disguise his delight at the way the 22-

man squad has adapted to the conditions, especially with the opening match against Denmark drawing closer. "I have to admit, they have really surprised me," Ferguson said. "I knew before I left that I would be working with a great squad but I didn't appreciate

just how good.

"These players have a real hunger to do their best for Scotland and that attitude has really impressed me. They genuinely want to work hard and prove they are worth their place in the World Cup. There is a tremendous camaraderie about them and the last seven days has made me realize there is absolutely nothing to stop this squad having a real go and doing well in Mexico."

Ferguson rewarded his squad with the day off yesterday to help them recover from punishing work in temperatures surpassing 80 degrees.

Steve Nicol, another of the squad to be affected by a groin strain, failed to take part in Scotland's first full-scale practice match on Tuesday night.

McClelland tips Scots

John McClelland, the sturdy Northern Ireland defender, has predicted a bright future for Scotland in the World Cup's most cutthroat group. The former captain of Glasgow Rangers, McClelland had the chance to learn at close quarters about the unpredictable Scottish nature.

And yesterday the tall Irish-

man, preparing for his own country's Mexican campaign 60-miles from Scotland's training camp in Santa Fe, said: "That group (including West Germany, Denmark and Uruguay) is so tough it should suit Scotland down to the ground. I spent long enough in Glasgow to understand the Scottish mentality and they are always at their best in adversity."

EQUESTRIANISM

High-speed win for Pyrah

From Jenny MacArthur, Jerez de la Frontera

Malcolm Pyrah, the hero of the winning Nations Cup team, added another jewel to his crown when he and Towerlands Sea Pearl teamed up with Kelly Brown on Springleigh to win the Pair Relay Class for the third time in succession yesterday.

The competition required a

lot of planning between the two riders and each one jumped only part of the course. If one makes a mistake the other has to take over. It is judged on time with five seconds being added to the final score if there is a knock-down.

On the two previous occa-

sions that Pyrah had won this class he had partnered Michael Whitaker on Next Courtney but yesterday he teamed up with Miss Brown, who was specially invited to compete at this show. The only girl out of the 50 international riders here, Miss Brown has been riding consistently well throughout the six-day meeting. Together with her winnings from the Rome and Lucerne shows earlier this month she has won more than £5,000 during her four weeks' travels on the continent.

Yesterday she was worried that her speed horse, Springleigh, might be feeling the effects of having had two teeth out on the previous day but her fears proved groundless. Encouraged by Pyrah's relaxed approach to the competition, Miss Brown rose magnificently to the occasion. Following the exact route which Pyrah had worked out with her, the pair came home clear recording a time more than five seconds ahead of the runners-up, Caitano Martinez de Irujo and Alberto Hourubia, of Spain. The Moroccan had a measure of consolation for their ninth place in the Nations Cup on Monday when Senors Bachir and Cherkouli took third place riding Essada Maniela and Special Flight.

Whitaker fared less well. Having lost his regular partner to Miss Brown, he teamed up with David Bowen on Hawk. Whitaker was without his top speed horse, Courtney, whom he had chosen to ride in the Jumping Derby later in the day, thinking that as the Derby was not going to be a big course it would suit Courtney better than Amanda. The latter had an early fence down in the Relay and with Hawk hitting the last fence the pair finished way down the list.

Whitaker's older brother, John, was no more fortunate on Next Saint Mungo. He and Nick Skelton, on Raffles Airborne, had worked out a bold plan which fell apart at the first fence when Saint Mungo knocked it down. Raffles Airborne went superbly for Skelton as he has been all week.

RESULTS: Pair Relay Class: 1, Towerlands Sea Pearl (M Pyrah) and Springleigh (K Brown) (58), 57.13 sec; 2, 11 Am (C Martinez de Irujo) and Lacina Mister X (A Hourubia) (Spain), 62.18; 3, Essada Maniela (S Bachir) and Special Flight (S Cherkouli) (Morocco), 62.24.



Four: Benson, of Kent, drives the ball while Lamba, of India, looks on at Canterbury yesterday. Rain washed out the British Assurance County Championship programme for the first time this season. Report, page 35 (Photograph: Chris Cole)

BOXING

Checks for boxers in title bouts

The British Boxing Board of Control yesterday restated the medical conditions under which professional boxing licences will be issued, and announced the start of a scheme they hope will lead to brain scans for all boxers.

At the first annual meeting of the board following the death of the Scottish welterweight Steve Watt, Dr Oswald Ross, the deputy chief medical officer, said: "We shall order brain scans for all boxers taking part in championship down to area championship level."

"This is only the start and we hope to build up from it and cover the whole sport in time. In any case, the board currently has the right to order a scan on any boxer it is concerned about."

The new provisions for the medical examination of boxers covers a long range of items, everything from eye-sight to AIDS. Alcohol and drug abuse are also on the list for the first time, although random drug tests for boxers in championships have already been in force for some time.

David Hopkin, the chairman, said that medical matters would continue to be the priority.

GOLF

One stroke avoids a gale of wrath

By John Hennessey

She stood over a two-foot putt on the 18th at Prince's, this young woman from Sussex, with a prayer in her heart. There was no tide hanging on this final blow, nothing more indeed than self-esteem and a desire to evade parental wrath.

The putt went in, and Karen Mitchell sighed with relief, knowing that she could telephone her father with the news that she had at least avoided three figures by this slender margin in the second round of the English women's championship, sponsored by Powakaddy. Somehow 99 seemed so much more respectable than 100.

Miss Mitchell, aged 17, sprang to notice with some arresting performances in the girls' championship three years ago. Her golf, however, has been based so far on a brilliant short game, which alone, she realized, would not suffice as an adult. She is in the throes, therefore, of re-modelling her swing under Vivien Saunders to give more length, hardly the time to face the fierce conditions obtaining yesterday, when a wind officially recorded as "full gale force" gusted up to 45mph at Manston aerodrome nearby and transformed the sleeping

YACHTING

£100,000 record incentive

From Barry Pickthall, Benfleet

A £100,000 challenge was announced in Paris yesterday by the French chocolate manufacturers, Penlins, to anyone who can beat the single-handed non-stop sailing circumnavigation record.

The record, set two months ago by Dodge Morgan, an American, stands at 145 days 22 hours in a round voyage from Bermuda, but the top French single-handed sailor, Olivier de Kersauson, aims to set out from France in November to reduce this to 100 days in a 75-foot trimaran launched here yesterday and also sponsored by Poulain.

De Kersauson is not eligible for the prize-money, but should he improve the record, it would be his time that others would have to beat.

The challenge is to single-handed sailors setting out from British or French channel ports or Boston, Massachusetts, between September 1 and November 1 each year. The course must be in an east-west direction, the yachts will have to be fully scrutinized by French officials before departing and they must carry an Argos automatic satellite transponder.

A screen test for Duff's skills

By Srikanth Sen, Boxing Correspondent

The elevation of Lloyd Honeyghan to the No. 1 position in the World Boxing Council rankings after his eighth-round victory over Horacio Stuardo, of the United States, completes a remarkable double for Honeyghan's manager, Mickey Duff, who as Frank Bruno's matchmaker helped lift the heavyweight to a similarly commanding position in the World Boxing Association heavyweight ratings five and a half months ago.

Duff has set an uneasy knock or moving his boxes into strategic positions in the world ratings to strike just when the champion or the No. 1 is ready to fall, and while taking nothing away from Honeyghan or Bruno, their elevation is as much a triumph for Duff's matchmaking as for their boxing prowess.

Since making as much money as possible is the idea of the game, nobody minds. But even Duff's business acumen will be put to the test in the next 24 hours or so as he tries to find a way out of the television dispute that could put Bruno's world title bout with Tim Witherpoon, of the United States, in July, in jeopardy.

Logic may take second place

Witherspoon's manager, Don King, who is also the promoter of the world heavyweight series to unify the title, has a contract with ITV, but Bruno's promoter, Duff, is tied to the BBC. ITV have shown all three contests so far. According to King, Bruno is part of the heavyweight series and therefore it is reasonable to assume that his connections should go along with King's arrangements. But since big money is involved logic may have to take second place.

If the dispute cannot be resolved, Bruno's bout with Witherpoon will be cancelled and Bruno will meet the winner of the bout between Witherpoon and Tony Tubbs, at a later date. Of course, the problem will only have been swept under the carpet. When Bruno meets the winner of Tubbs and Witherpoon the arguments will start again.

Bruno's manager, Terry Lawless, was not too put out. He said: "Frank will be disappointed if the fight does not go on in London but personally I have never been in a rush to see this fight on. We know he will get his chance and he is only going to get better while this other fellow can only get worse."

Honeyghan, too, must wait to hear what Donald Curry, the world welterweight champion, has to say about coming to London to defend. Duff believes that he can bring Curry here. He said yesterday that he would take a video to the United States to interest television companies in the world title bout.

If the Americans were interested in showing it he would move the date from Tuesday, September 30, to a Saturday, for peak viewing in America.

Threat to the unified title

According to Duff, Curry is committed to defending the title under World Boxing Council rules and if he avoids Honeyghan he would be stripped of the WBC part of the unified title. Honeyghan would then meet Tommy Ayers, the No. 2, for the vacant title.

That bout should draw a larger crowd than the one that turned up on Tuesday night at Wembley to see Honeyghan take over Stuardo's No. 1 position and Charlie Magri lose his European flyweight title. There were barely 2,500 people in a 10,000-capacity hall.

Magri fell to Duke McKenzie in the fifth, and before the champion could be humiliated his manager, Lawless, pulled him out. Magri went home to have a talk with his wife about whether or not to carry on boxing. McKenzie went home with the European title.

What was so heartening about McKenzie was that he showed maturity beyond his 23 years. He had the presence of mind not to be overwhelmed by Magri's two-handed attacks and like a good pro stuck to his plan of either holding or staying close to Magri to stifle his shots or boxing from a distance till he began to get his shots together. Once he started catching Magri on that all too vulnerable chin of his it was a matter of time.

The win was a bonus for Duff, who manages the Croydon flyweight. McKenzie has class. He has world potential. With Magri out of the way, McKenzie can get on with his world campaign.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Scottish civility

Edinburgh Civil Service, who won the B division of the European club hockey championship at Göteborg, Sweden, have earned the right for the 1986 Scottish national champions, to play in the A division of the event next year (Sydney Friskin writes).

The Scots, who denied Southgate the chance of playing at Göteborg by defeating them in the qualifying round, beat Gramscarians, Gibraltar, 3-1 in the final with goals by Yellowlegs, Edwards and Tom Hay. Southgate recently won the 1986 English club championship but will have to begin again by having to qualify for a place in the B division of the European championship next year.

● Franz Spitz, a former international, has become the new coach of the Dutch national side, who are reinforced by Tom van't Heck and Arno den Hartog for the World Cup tournament in London from October 4 to 19.

Burrows's role
Frank Burrows, aged 42, the former assistant football manager at Sunderland, has been appointed manager of Cardiff City. He replaces Alan Durban, who was dismissed after Cardiff's relegation to the fourth division.



Wilander: priority

Tennis goal

Düsseldorf (Reuters) — Mats Wilander, of Sweden, who starts the defence of his French Open tennis title in Paris next week, said here he had made winning Wimbledon his main target for the year. Wilander has never done well on the fast grass of Wimbledon. "This year it's most important for me to do well there," he said.

Davis reigns

Steve Davis, crushed 18-12 in the world snooker championship final by Joe Johnson, is back on the winning trail in Brazil. Davis, the world No. 1, dropped only four frames in winning his three round-robin matches to capture the inaugural Brazilian Masters title in Sao Paulo. But his final match was marred by a row when Rui Chapeau, of Brazil, contested a decision against him by the American referee when trailing 3-2. He refused to play on for some six minutes and his volatile supporters turned against him, a large number walking out.

Charity show

The London promoters, Greg Steene and Harry Holland, will stage a charity boxing cabaret evening at the London West Hotel on June 3. The proceeds will go towards installing a brain scanner at the Charing Cross Hospital, Fulham, in memory of Steve Watt, the Scottish welterweight champion.

Fitness fight

Justin Fashanu, the Brighton and Hove Albion footballer who had two operations on his right knee last season, is attending the RAF rehabilitation centre at Headley Court in an attempt to regain fitness for the start of next season. Fashanu uses crutches and has to rebuild the muscle around the knee.

McEwan's job

Billy McEwan was yesterday named football manager of Sheffield United, sending off the challenge of Don Howe and Keith Burkinshaw. The Scot, aged 34, has been in charge since Ian Porterfield's departure in March.

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